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The preface.



Parable: is properlie one thing,
Ahat of an other both conceiuing bring.
Pea: (oftentims (as parables are frant,
One froze of things: by one, be binderstand.
Eche one of all: franced and bled well,
Maie teache the france good: to take a tel.

Contrarilie : franned and bled ill. Like il likewile, the fruite a mounteth bntill. Beberfoze, befoze entrance to Ccanning bere: In prefent parable here to appere, first to induct (foz to conduct) the wate: Dow readers and franners : redille maie: Right franning (in right reading) here purchafe, Bood readers : reade and fran (rightlie) this rafe. There chaunff at once : at one fanze glaffe to bee, Them felues tatire at once, fayze women three. where one an other enuine : till all were breff, poho might (when all weare breff) feme breffed beff. But in the time of trimming of their geare: There foreheads Artking by : broyding their heare: Lacing and laying it : with everie thing: Lookte in the glaffe : Directing trim trimming. In all this time : thele women euerpchone, Behelve ethe other : but them felues not one: Abat in the glaffe : bpon ber felfe caft ipe, Bood og ill tiring (in her felfe) tefpie. Dne beare lep low : one other lay to bie: On this live : 02 on that live : cleane awife. But herebpon: when eche had other efpide: In tire atired : all a wrie or wibe.

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Lozd in all three : what inward foort there was. Che one to le an other, in that glas. All three fore fineld : but be it beft or wurft: Twanne muft bent bpward freight : 02 both muft burt, while margret went a libe: ber pins to fet, Marian and margerie : back they both get. To touch thatire, of margaret thus worne. Betwene them twaine, to laugh that third to frozne. Marion laide to Margerie: le von not, Dow Meg is breff, pes Madge (quoth the) god wet. Might not a beetill blind beaft : bring to paffe: To breffe ber felfe as well at any glaffe, Des madge : and with one Ile: I can now le: what fpots (bufene to ber) in ber face be. De Mall (quoth Madge) I thinke I hould il bie mer To brelle my felfe fo ill: the glaffe fo nie me, God hath bone his part : the bath a good face, which gift of God, ber felfe both ill difgrace, Marion at this : Aepping fro margerie, Margret to Margerie : Gepth by and bie. And freight of Marion : margret falth in hand: Dow fer from frame : Marions a tyze both franc. Madge and Meg finding faute: at marion moze, Then Madge and Marion : found at Meg before. The thirde coale was : that madge did fart a lide: Whearwith Marion to Meg : baltelie bibe. And Margeries atyze: thep fet a broche, As yll (or woorle (the worle ber to reproche,) I hen the was tierde in deede. Ibus all thefe threes Deuided thrife in twaine, oid thrife agree: Echi

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Ethe twayne, the thirde to mocke and gelle byone: Tyll enerie one, had morked enerichone. Ethe moching others faute: thep fautie all, Ethe mockers mocke, moff on ber felfe bio fall. This bone, one of thefe three to the glaffe went Do face but bers, then being reprefent. where : when the Did ber felfe onlie beholo, Der filent fight : ber foze follie fo tolo: That marking firft ber felfe, ber felfe the atierde. And then the reft, (in they atyze) befierde, That cche boon ber felfe: wolde fet fure ipe, Ere the caft ive on other, low or bie. They boing fo: all weare affred fo. That whether a part, oz they tegether go: Dad they bene willing: they had bene bnable, Sparke oz fpek to fpie : bifcommenbable: Ach in others atire. which women and glaffe, Are a glaffe . this booke, and readers to compate. In franning fence to towch men in this booke: As glatte lookers lookte: if booke readers looke: De boon bim: and be on bim: to fran: Sence moft and beff, naie moft and worft thei care Scanning who is the fpider : who the fie: Deither of citber : to bim felfe taplie : Scanning no whit: by fcanning bere to fe: In cale fpibers : in cale fites : all frand male be. Blatte looking : and booke reading : in fuch wife. May well be frand, one lyke baine ererlife. 19 ho that this parable both thus befine, Abis parable thus, is his and not mine.

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To this, this one thing I mult mind you to minde. Concerning fpibers, flies, and eke thants kinde. Wheare 3 : their naturall operacion: with the largelf enlarge : tenlarge foundacion: wheron 3 frame this top forte: bere to fee, As both : both in length and breadth : mate moff agree, This (for this cause) arecht the more long and wide, I prate you beare with me : wheare it is fpide. Wherin: my faut maie feme famiohat the leffe, That wifer men then 3 (in like vocette,) Bane bone the like and late : one wife and olde: In an old booke bib reade (as be me told,) That when fo ever fpiders, flies, and ants fpeake, Their approprio properties, they likewife breake. which if them felues to : pe will graunt I hope: That 3 (boing it for them) may baue like fcope. Thus withing withinglie: in reading this, Readers: to reade and fran : all fentencis: As we first marke and mend our felues:and then. To marke: to menb : the fautes of other men: voithout moze scanning here: I now herein, End circumitaunce, the lubitaunce to begin.

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Be Introduction to the matter, thowing how the fite chaunsed to fall in the spiders copweb. Cap. patrici.

The lamentacion of the flie, with declaracion (partie) of the propertie of fortune, and of his owne estate past and present. Cap.2.

The dreadfull wonder of the spider, at sodaine shakinge of his copineb. Cap.3.

The fpider taking comfort, entrethin quarell with the file. Cap.4.

The spider sterting into his house to comfort his shoushold, the flie deviseth what wate to escape the daunger of the spider.

The spider being returned to the flie, after a few woodes betwene them had, the flie sewth to the spider to be herd speake which he graunteth. Cap.6.

The oracion of the flie to the spider, commending suffice, and suff insticers, requiring to have his cause heard throughlie and adjudged instille.

The spider graunteth the flie both to here and adjudge this case, as mais most agreably stand with reason, law, custome, and conscience.

They stand both in hope to consince ech other by fust cause, the flie praying the spiders parbon, of such rude speeche and all behausour, ashe may chaunce to overshoote himselfe in, the which the spider both graunt.

Lap. 9.

They entre into the principal argument. The flie supposing no lawfull profe by winteste of any ill there against him: the spider allegeth the contrarie. The flie (byon occasion,) requiering to be bailed budge suretie, the spider denieth it. fap. 10.

The spider chargeth the flie, first with burglarie, which the flie answereth buto: than the spider chargeth him with single felonie, which the flie reasoneth buto.

Cap. 11.

The spider (in a maner) graunteth, that the flie came into the cop web against the flies owne will. which the spider so graunteth, for such policie foothwith appering: as seemeth to wei soze against the flie.

Cap.12.

The flie here with is abathed, but a none he gathereth hym felfe to a fraie the wing a reason, that maketh a manifest thow elected to overtheory the spiders sozesaide policie. Cap. 13.

The spider checketh the flie for his comparing about the spider in knowledge of law and custom. Which the flie meentey neth by one reason comunite reported. Whervoon the spider perseguing the polisie for which he seemed to graunt the flie to cum against his will: taketh litle or no place, that much weakening his part hedriusth the site to draw back that graunt. Chapter. 14.

They reason a fresh to trie whether the flie cam in to the sple bers cop web with or against his will. Cap.15

They contine win purse we of triall whether the file came thither willinglie or unwyllynglie so fer, that the file at length offreth to take a booke othe, that he came against his will.

Cap. 16.

The lower not admitting the flie to his othe, the flie bringth in the Arength of the affirmative for his part: against the nes gative on the spiders side. Whereunto adiopned his other reasions laide in discharge of charge past, he hopeth according to Justice promised, to be areight discharged.

Cap. 17

heth holde to deteyne the flie still in possession: but yet under pro-

The liber, leeing that he cannot take full hold of the flie in cale of burglarie, not felonie the chargeth him now with trespas, to which the flie reasoneth. Cap. 19

The lpider (at the flies answering him to a question) that geth the flie with procuring of other flies to disturbe him in his cop webs: which the flie beniths.

Cap.20.

They fall in comparison touching their entrence written or unwritten. Whereinto the flie layeth prescripcion of cuse tome: whyche he before (alleged) supposing therep, that the spider ought both to beliver him, and make him amendes, Cap. 21.

The lother benith the flies discription of custome, alleginge the sayinge of auncient spiders so, his intereste by custome, wherin anone bothe shewinge ethe to gene small credite to of ther, the slie moneth to put the matrier in arbiterment: which. (as yet,) the spider doeth not graunt.

Cap. 2.2

The flie (after a few woodes conferning a peale) bothe brieflie recapitulate, the effect passed in the principall case. Lap. 23.

The lotter putteth a case in a peale ill (in a parence) for the flie: as the spider drawth it, and a none, he by example of the lordes wyll had in cortes of coppie hold, seming to leane toward will: the flie laboreth to qualifie that wyll. Cap. 24.

The flis cleymeth all booles in all windowes to be flies in freeholde; a that spiders should builde by the lides of in the toppes; which case to be tride by law of custome, they in maner agree; but the flie moving it to be tride at the comon law, the spider resuleth it, wherepon ariseth matter of digression,

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in which the die commendeth the spider for expedite heringe herof, briefly definyng the properties of indice, mercle, and ils rannie.

Cap. 25.

The flie (for cause here appering) desyreth to repete hys distinction of instice, mercie, and tirannie, which the spider denieth. Where with the flie layth to the spider, breche of promise made to hym before. In discharge wheref, the spyder answereth.

Cap.26.

The lotder (reducing the flie to the principal matter) moueth the trial to be had in his owne lordethip. which the flie millibeth. Wheron ensueth a glaunce at the divertite of governessment, between one lotder and twelve flies.

Lap.27.

They agree to be trive by arbiterment, whether all or howe manie hooles in all windowes belonge to spiders, and howe manie to flies. The spider chosing for his parte, the ant or pile mere, the slie choolings for his side, the butterside. Wherebour they, thou couple in one parte, and thother touple in an other part, talke together forthwith.

Lap. 28.

The spider to the ant, and slie to butterlie (after woodes of greetinge) beclare, that they are chosen they arbiters here in: wherin the ant and butterlie promise to do their beste, And they then anone draw all source together in (or at) the copineb.

Cap.29.

The spider beclareth, and the flie graunteth the flue to be, that all ties clayme (in freehoolde) all hooles in all windowes to be they; sby custome. And spiders claime all hooles with all partes of all windowes to bee they; freeholde by castome. And after talke between them therin had, the ant resquireth full instruction of the two parties to them two arbiters.

Lap., 30,

They (in couples leperate againe) declare eche how he wolde have

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have his arbiter handle his parte: and first is here colde the tale of the spider to the ant.

The tale of the flie to the butterflie how he thall ble the flies parte: whiche doone, the arbiters withdraws them selves to warde the top of the windows. Cap.32.

The ant the butterflie met together in the top of the wyndow, tertaine spiders on their one lide: and certaine flies on their other side, Tharbiters commaunde them to stande backe while they two talke together.

Lap. 33.

Thane declaring the cause of that meeting, the spiders and flies acknowledgings the same, and that they come to gene suidece, the flies are apoputed to depart while the spiders first shew, what they can saie for they? parte.

Cap. 34

After a few woodes betweene the ant and the butterflye, one spider as mought be for all, beclareth to those two that is ters, all embence that all spiders for their parte can beuise. Ind that boone, the spiders are commaunded a waye, and the flies bidden to approche.

Cap. 35.

Amon a thost talke betweene the arbiters, one flie: spokes flie for all flies, discloseth all euthence for their parte: inherement the flies at commandement departs alibe. Cap.36.

The arbiters (in debating theuidence on both partes gruen) can not other wife agree, but that the same weeth eue as much for the tone parte as for the tother. At ende wheref, they call a gapue all the sayde sorte.

Cap. 37.

The ant the with to them all, that the vidence weigh to one effecte on both lives. So that all reflects now boon knowledge whiche parte to credite molte: and boon that mocion, one spider and one slie fall in argument to trie the same: inherent is touchte (partie) the properties of credence, woodly, and honestie. They agreeing that credence stands by one honestie

honelie: as thus, as enerie spider of sie is honest, so is be credible. Which talke ended, they are all agains sequestred.

Lap.38.

MISy thant? provocation the butterflie repeteth thargument before made: in his grole termes, not fer from full. And they twaine feeming to agree byon the point herein, they commaunde the spiders and flies backe agains.

Cap.39.

Thant telth them, that where theuldence for both lides goth to one effect, and that in debatings which lide is most credible to awarde the window buto, it is concluded, that credence standth byon honestie; and that as all spiders and flies are honest, so are they credible; now must it first be tride, whiche lide is most honest: therou to suage whiche side is most credible.

Lap. 40.

One spider and one sie reasoning which live is most honest agreeing (in conclusion) that thousand on both lives appeareth to them two: to be one, that flie requireth the arbiters to ponder the case as they shall thinke good.

Cap. 47.

Tharbiters commaunding all to go aparte againe, they fall in talking lominhat at large touching bothe crebence and homelite in bothe thele lides. whiche boone, to them therin their mindes, they call all before them agayne.

Cap. 42.

The ant telleth them, that they two betermine thouself or bothe libes to be one. Willing them to go footh in the matter, wher with one tart taunting spider: and one tharpe faucie flie, forbearing till this time (with much payne) speaking of rather rapling, stands now footh (upon tip toes) to chop logike ethe with other in rube reasoning of this case. Lap. 43

Mother an other spider and flie reasoned late before to proue whiche side of both is most honest, this sayd quareling spider and cocking flie, labour to proue which parte of both is most bishonest

bishonest: in woodes and beebes. As by blurpacion in windows and other misbehautour. At ende where insurious sumes, thence routh the spider one wate, and the slie slingth an other.

Cap. 44.

Cafter a few woodes, whiche the ant speaketh to the rest of bothe sorts there, they are assigned to stande backe againet while tharbiters gather out of this rayling, suche reasons as they can.

Cap. 45.

Tharbiters confider in this faide taunting talke, that fonday dishonest aboles there are in soday parties on both sides, by other agreement of conclusion wherin, thei have before them those other spiders and flics againe.

Cap. 46.

Thant beclarth to those spiders and slies, that the tales of the pearte spider e slie before tolde, do charge ech others part in such sort, that they cannot say which side is most dishonest, but they two adindge clereli in dishonest thing?, both sides of like dishonestie. Wher with they all anopoed backe againe, tharbit ters talke to fall to apoint between them selves what reporte similar and fully to make.

Cap. 47.

Tharbiters being agreed on their report, thei call to them againe the spiders and the flies. Lap. 48.

Thant the with them, that the butterflie and he are at popule what to reporte deuting it to be reported before the head spider and the flie in the cop web: the two principall parties. And to have with them to here and witnesse they? reporte, two spiders and two flies, witty and discrete. And the rest to staye there till they? returns. Whych being agreed, they set south streight to the sayd copweb.

The ant afforiete with the laybe lost pronounceth at length (to the spider and flie in the copweb) this briefe effect. That in as much as on both lides the euibence is one, and that the cresults its above

bence is one, by thouselie being one, they two can (in reason) no waie trie howe to laye thaccustomed right more on thouse side then on thother, they finallie leave the case even at liberate, as they sounds it. And so departs to the place of abstract agayne.

Lap. 50.

A thant and butterflie let where they had lit, thant repeteth to those spiders and flies, the reporte made by him at the sappe copied. At end wheref, the spiders and flies, seeing that time spont all in dayne, eche side among them selfes fall in mourn muring.

Cap. 52.

Capon the spiders and the flies mutring murmering, sodenlie there cum nie aboute them: a wonderfull nombre of all manner of flies: in they warlike manner. Wherat with twynke of an iye (as it were) the head spider (with a greate nombre of spiders,) hath builded a strong castell in that copweb. With ordinaunce and weapons and spiders redie in order of defence.

This huge heape offlies light aboute tharbiters. Apprehensing thant, calling a halter aboute his necke : heaving him to their tree of reformation (as they call it) to hang him irreght. But at his lute to be hard speake ere hedie, on fli fleeth into the tree, wher with the captaine commanneth silence. Cap. 53.

The flie in the tree: to persuarbe the flies to here the ant speake, waveth honestlie, politiklie to a leinze them, to quiet beryng of the ant before they put him to be ath. His which tale to be, he remoueth to his place agayne.

Lap. 54.

The flies former fine tale, nowhit Kurreth the grole flies to the hearing of the ant. Wherboon the butterflie (that was an arbiter) fleeth into the tree: laboring the flies to have the ant heard fpeake ere be bie.

Cap. 55.

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The butterflie (to get thant to be heard) telth his tale in fuch rube maner and matter, that anone he fetth them all (welnie) together by the eares. But bypon his grole tale grolely tolde, (much more lyked then the flies finer tale) thei graunt to here the flie speake.

Lap. 56.

The ant prayth to be herd speake thorothle before anie part of his tale be adsubged. And then they to absudge the whole as standth with equite. First alleging matter to cleare himselfo from offending the slies. Inallie genings them (as it semeth) freends counsell, (touchyng this strife) grounded byon this common saying: before thou ought begin, have an ive to the ende.

Lap.57.

Thant hath let the flies in luch feare of the spiders, that most are redie to ronne awaie, whom to state, the captaine flie deviseth thant to set the spiders in like feare of them: by a tale tolde on the same grounde that he tolde this: in paine of hanging at his returne.

Lap. 58.

Thant after entre in talke (before the hed spider) he to hym, and all the spiders (byon this saide grounde: ere thou ought begin: have a spe to the ende,) inveyth what he can to set the spiders in searce of the slies.

Lap. 59.

E That having brought the spiders in great feare of the multitude of flies, the head spider taking greate displeasure with the ant for the same, he answereth thantes tale to that he bringeth all the spiders in corage agayne. Benings (in his owne name and all theyrs,) defiance to the flies.

Cap. 60.

Tipon besiace genin by the spider to the sites, the ant brought agapne to the sties, maketh full report of all sappe at the copied. It end wherof, two sites argue wether than than deferued life or death. By keeping or breaking sormer commant to bring the spiders in searce of the sites,

Lap. 61.

At ende of this last argument. The captayne aring the ant what he can saye? whye he should not die, the ant after a sew woodes submitteth him to their order. Whereboon the captaine goinge to the question, the ant is condemde by the dopce of the most nombre. The captaine then willing hyme to make his last prayers, he doth so.

Cap. 62.

Mobile the ant faith his prayers on the ladder, two flies thinking him to be wrongfullie cast a wate, pitteing the case, They touche (in talke) three sortes of flies seene there then. Wherin is toucht sum parte of properties of newster flies.

The ant having now made his prayers, beinge at poynt to be turnd from the ladder, a flie, a far of, crieth holde. Who (lighting in the tree) bringeth suche a message from the hed spider, as the Ant (thereby) is repride, and carried to prison.

Cap. 64.

The captaine flie, inveith byon matter before past: in such some some concerning the flies againe, that anone thei all crying to the captaine to march forwarde, thei bravely set footh. And laiving their ordinaunce to the copied castell, thei belege it rownbe.

Cap. 65.

The flies gene onlet in affairte boon the castell: the spiders defending it in surious fighte. And boon the flaughter on both sides, the flies retire to their campe. The spiders wife and child berne on knele to him beleching him to take peace with the flies.

Cap. 66.

The spider having compassion on his wyfe and childerne as on him selfe, he saith that he will: with the adulte of his counsell, in their sute do all that mate be done for the best. Cap. 67.

The lpiber let with twelve of his counfaile, declareth his wives and childrens lute (adiopning therunto cocideracions of his

Sis ofone) for peace to be taken with the flies. Requiring those counsellers while he departe and returne) to determine what wate he shall take. Cap. 63.

Estraight as the spider is gone, the rest arise withdrawing a somer in three plumpes sowre in a plumpe, no one knot knowing what the rest saith, which done their all set downe again against the spiders returne.

Cap. 69.

The spider set agains with his cownsaile, in those three said sortes, arise three divers wates to take herin. The best one where of to choose, the spider departeth to deutse upon. Willing them to cause all corners of that castell to be clented and all battred places made stronge agains.

Cap. 70.

The flies in campe be at coinfell; befirously beuising: by what meane to get peace best. Wherepon the captaine inventing a meane to beine that to sew so, peace if thei will be ruled by him, thei therbnto agree. And therbpon the ant is brought before the flies.

Cap. 71.

The captaine telth the ant that the flies have retired from thasaute: (wheare manie spiders are slayne) to se whether the spiders will sew for peace, for which since they sew not, the flies will assaute them agazne. But the ant they will hang strength before they go.

Cap.72.

The Ant boon soben thorte warning of his death:beynge much dismayde, laying all that he can for his life, and yet can get no grace, he prayth respight: while he be brought to the spider to be whether he woll grow to ante peace to saus the antes life. Whiche graunted, the ant is brought before the spider.

Cap. 73.

Thant (in waie of peticion) sewinge to the spider for peace taying considerations to provoke him the rather therto, the spider both attentivelie, gene the ant bering.

Cap. 74.

The spider (byon thants tale tolde to him) alegith certains thinges by which he semeth in doubte much to graunt peace to the flies. Wherin the ant and he traversing sumwhat: anon he graunteth peace to them buder condicion expect, where with thant is brought to the flies agapue.

Lap. 75.

Thank declaring peace: as it is graunted, the flies in muche tope fet the ant thankfullie at libertie, and home goeth he. Wherboon the captaine commaundeth all flies to draw nere to here him speake ere they depart. But they flee all awaye a few excepte.

Cap. 76.

Apon a litle talke had betweene the captaine and the few flies there lefte, touching the rewdnesse and lightnesse of the common fort of flies, misliking their former light lewoe des menure, they depart. The campes on both sides, clere brooken by.

Thant being cum to the molehill, solemlie received of hys wyfe, and childerne: and a great numbre of ants, he telth (to them all a tale discorsinge theffect of all his trouble, had among the spiders and slies. Willing them dissentice to marke, what he saith.

Cap. 78.

Thant having faid: what he well faie, willeth all ants to note whie he faide, that he faide. Whiche is to warne them by his armes to beware, how they meddle in matters betweene fpiders and flies.

Lap. 79.

Efouresties (in the name of all sties) at the copweb, thanking the spider for parbon and peace, beclaring the conditions and the performance on their parte) sew to the spider on his parte, to performe his graunt: in laying out and possessing them of theyr limites with halfe the hooles in the window, which he graunteth bidding them a little time state, in which while: he sendth the yongest spider of his twains to the ant, praying him to cam to him againe. To benive and deliner

beliver the booles to the flies as the fpiver will apoint them.

Ampon this meltage bone, thant feinth a let of his cuming: bit a hurt milchanling him that morning. with which answere, the yonge spider returneth to the olde.

Cap. 82

The spider after a few woodds to the foure flies, affineth to them al the smal holes beneth. Dalse the holes in numbre: but scant the sixt parte of the roome. At whiche they summinat grudge. But they must take them of none.

Lap. 82.

Expe foure flies flatone thence, the spider to the flie in prison leith: that in all kinds of triall that date on both parts laide, be thinketh his owne part approued best. as he thinketh the flie wolde thinke were he a spider, contrarie sudgement wheref, the flie thinketh in the spider were he a flie i wherupon they agree to change places (eche for the time) to imagin and set soorth others part the best they can.

Lap. 83.

Exhep having thaunged places: they alege eche for his diffembled lide. Adherin the flie anone is so alured to price and ambython in occupying (for the while) the spiders statelie place, that he at last with an othe affirmeth that spiders are diviners of all windowes. The spider graunting it trew, steer teth to the flie, seeming to take end byon the flies owne sudgement.

Cap. 34.

The flie out of that chaier falme flat before the spider, perseys using his oversight and davinger therin, he declareto howe change of place changed his affection. In discoursing of which case, he partite toucheth the commoditie of advertitie, and the discommoditie of prosperitie. Beseching the spider to restinguishe all advantage therin to be taken against him. Mapsich the spider graunteth.

Lap. 85.

The lifer bpon a glaunce genen at his belert of thanke to be

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behad at the flies hand, allegeth custom to be hys warrant to bistroy the flie: which the flie can not denie. Wherbyon he defireth that the case mate be reasoned in conscience. Which the spider now graunteth.

Cap. 26.

- They both late sundie tharpe reasons in conscience for the spiders life and death. But the spider in conclusion draweth these source principles (reason, law, custom, and conscience, which he at beginning graunted to trie all by) so to combine that he maketh therby an aparence, to show the sti conuinst. Threight by custom: he geneth sudgement of the slies ceath. To which the slie yeldeth. Praying to speak with twelve slies before he die. And it is graunted.

 Cap. 87
- The flie (to twelve grave flies for all flies) geneth his abuice for a boiding their parels by their firife had in windowes against spiders, the great grounde of which tale standeth most by consideration of these things, wherfore they strive, with whom they strive, and how they strive. Cap. 88.
- As the spider is about to kill the flie, the maybe of the house commeth in and striketh downethe copined and the spider to the ground.
- The maide being at point to treade the spider to death: the spider praieth her to here him speake ere he die: and then to ass sudge him suffic. The maide graunting to ble him (as he dyd ble the flie) as mate best stand with reason, law, custom, and conscience. She at his request (for the time) withdrawing hyr soote, they fall to reasoning of the case.

 Lap. 90.
- In reasoning of both sides, the maide driveth the spider to graunt him selfe convinst (by custom expect with the other principles erst saide) as he convinst and adjudged the sile before. Wherepon she (by custom) decreth the spider to die. He then bestring to speake with his sonne and his counsell. Which the maybe graunteth.

 Lap.91.

The spider to his some and timelue spiders geneth his best adults so; most quiet and best governance. His tale standing, most upo these three termes, first a declaracion of him selfe, second an exhortacion to them, the third a submission so; him self. Wherbut he desireth licence to take his childe in his armes: now at they; departing, whiche the maybe graunteth.

Lap. 92.

Cafter a few wofull woodes of the spider had to his sonne (they bothe claspynge eche other in armes verie naturally) he kysteth and blisteth him. Whereweth that sonne with all the twelve spiders volefullte departe from the spider.

Cap. 93.

The maybe (appering as twoe to distroye the spider ashe is to be distroyde) with her soote present hym to death. Cap. 94.

The maybe hath before her the twelve spivers and the twelve slies that had bene before in place. And upon her show that all harms doone by those generations is growne by imployer, she spinally devisethfull reducte in populing them to grow to order.

Lap. 95.

The twelve spiders and twelve sites having hearde they? order set by the mayde, they thankefullie receive it. And byon her commaundement to them, to put this order in bre amonge all spiders and sites, they toyfully departe that commaundement to fulfill.

Cap. 96.

The sploers and slies beynge now absent, The mapoe sweepyth the wyndow cleane in everie place. As far as her brome and arms well stretch, which doone she departeth. Cap. 97

The maide being gone, the auctor cumeth in. And byon hys beholding

beholding the wyndow fayze and cleane fwept wythoute anie combinus copineds of erceffif flockes of flies he departeth.

FINIS TABYLAE.





THE SPIDER

Che Introduction to the matter, thowing home the file chaunted to fall in the spicers copweb.



AND THE PLIE



A lealon what time enery growing things.
That ripeth by roote, hath linely taken hart.
Brade, leafe, and flower, in field to florithing.
That wintered withered stalk, stand in conart.

Though weerte wythered hart?, plate than like part Louertly coucht in bed, them felues to byde pet hart? of lut, the bed can not abyde.

But by they mult, profe of that luft to make In whiche like cherefull tyme, it chaunced me From fleepe one night, so timelie to awake That how ferre night, or how nie date might be It pall my reache, of fearthe, fure fine to fe But fireight, the fearthe of nature wrought the croine Of daunyng of the date, warning to thome.

The baie apecreth and so brobe breaketh lose,
The baie apecreth and so brobe breaketh lose,
Leading mine eye, at large to loke about
The field, so freshe, that be ye out of bout
for sanour, sight, and beringe ethe byrd, boyle
No chaunge could chaunce, to choose the better choyle.

Whiche I (reloylynglie) herde and behelde

Apil luche time as the lonne, was cum in light,

So that the dew (drawne by his powze) must pelde

from therth to thaire, from whence it fell that night

And haupng herein had mine appetight

I made returne (temprately to remayne)

Dut of whot some, to temprate house agayne.

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THE SPIDER

where as (anone) a booke I tooke in hand some things to reade, to fode footh fantalis And Kepping to a window, there to Kand, In at a latter hole, right fodentie Guen at a fling, fall flew there in a flie Ahat lang as thill, and freshlie in my minde, As any bythe coulde bo, bredde of that kinde.

About the parler flew this flie full rounde,
And as apeerde: he lought for foode in deede,
But when in no wife, ought wolde there be founde,
In to the buttrie (haffelie) he yeede
And stale in to the almerie to feede,
where he (at pleasure) triumpht bucontrolde,
Aill he had there (at will) wrought what he wolde.

From whenle (anone) couragioullie he flang Dow here, now there, of winge he made no stoze, But foz a flie oh lozde how he then lang Two notes aboue his highest note befoze, wherin, encreast his courage moze and moze, We flew, he friskt, he tost, he turnbe about, The flie of flies, no flie I trow so stout

But as the firmament most cleere and blew
The golden sombeames bent to bewtifie
The courtaine drawne of clowdie weeping bew
withdraweth and thamgeth, that christall asure skie
From blew to blacke: so fareth it with the flie.
Amyd whose soy, at window to have past,
A copweb masketh his winges and maketh him fast.

Thus

AND THE FLIE

Thus chaunce bath (by erchaunge) the flie to trapt, That to bainly be lost his libertee:
The more be wrange, the faster was he wrapt and all to thencrease of his teoberdee, which parell, when he did conceine and see Suche was his rage in half from thence to sitte as made him seeme, welnie out of his witte

De wasten his winges, he wagged his tayle
De shooke his head, he frounde, he stared wyde,
De spurnde, he kickte, but when nought wolde anayle
Ao ryd him thence, but there he must abyde,
As breath and breast wolde beare, loudely he cryde
And wostellie as any one flie can
In solowynge soorme, this wostell sie began.



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The lamentacion of the flie, with veclaracion (partite) of the propertie of fortune, and of his owne estate past and presente. Cap. 2



A Las, alas, alas and welawate,

A To crie aloude alas, what cause have I Alas (I sate) that ever I sawe this date,

My whole estate in twinklying of an eye

Is here transformed from myrth to miserie,

for frowarde fortune bath led my mys hap

To lay and locke me in myne ennemies lap.

Dh lodayne lozowe, from letled lolas, for lo lat I in lolas: as me thought.
Dh fortune, falle flaterer that ever was, In one moment, and in an other wrought So furious, that both thatlett? foorth brought, furie, or flaterie, which is world in thee Ward for a fite, to indge the certaintee.

Namelie for me, who all my life have beene Lapped in lay of the fagre flattering flowres, Aill from those roles, now thou eastest me cleene Into thease nettles, of the furious showres, wherin my lacke of practice, lacketh powers. (My whole tyme having bene spent in the tone) Ao subge in thease two, whiche is the woorst one.

I lacke (I meane) tudgement to tudge at fult, Bothe theale layde lides: Dowbett here to veclare, Somiwhat in bothe partes, I bothe can and wall. Mine entrie now, in channge from joye to care, Dath in this instant taught me to compare Haterie with furie, treinth in both to trie, Phen Koztune telleth treuth : and when Koztune doth lie.

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THESPIDER

Who while the was (of rather feemde) my freetide, Thapparaunce of hir pleasaunt countenaunce Bromised me, my welch shoulde have none eemde, But swifter then the star both seeme to glaunce That assemblaunce: turneth to dissemblaunce, Myne ended welch, now turnde to endles wo, Amyd monge hir false staterie, proueth so.

And putting now hir fewrie here in bre Threatning the daunger of my life present, Derfourmannee therof both appere as sure as it in maner had experiment. Dir fewrie is a glasse right excellent Betwene fewrie and flaterie to denise To take hir threats trew, and hir promesse liese

Flaterie, and lewrie, thus in hir this gole, when the speaketh fayre, then but the lust to lie. when the speaketh fonle, then trewth the will disclose, which things showth somiwhat straunge, but commense In man to man, mans ble both verifie, In love, and hate, disclosing trewth and liefe The selfe show showde in badde exercise.

In lundrie thinges experience both tell, no friende, with friende (in friendship) will be plaine, as foe, with foe, will in his fewrie fell.

Love, to tell tremth, both ofte for love refraine,

Date hideth no inte butolde for to remaine.

Love, lockth in treinth, least treinth might friend? displease,

Bate, lashth out treinth, foes to displease and disease.

Friendes

AND THE FLIE.

friendes (in this case) will hive trewth, and thow liefe.

foes (in this case) will hive lies and thew trewth,

Of trewth that towcheth in displeasant wise.

Zhate hiveth nought, that memorie endewth

In man, and fortune, who that fully bewth,

Zhow wie of trewth, and lies herein hath gone,

Shall se in both, small difference save this one.

Loue causeth friendes to hide displeasant trowth,

Ao kepe their friendes in quiet while thei maie.

By love in friendes to friendes, a lothnesse growth,

In thing extreeme, the trewth extreeme to saie,

where hiding of the trewth, harmeth no waie

p; that the trewth, is better hid then tolde

Abere friende, to friende, by love will trewth with holde.

But those respectes, fortune both nought attend, Dir hidden trewth, in pleasaunt present show, Is to begile, such as on hir depend, when from hir grace, their greefe baknowen shall grow By fore purposed, following onerthrow. In quiet calme, the shadoweth shipwracke rockes, To make hir mariners hir mocking stockes.

And noting here (from hir proclaimed calme) Dow sodenlie hir troine stormes, do arise Of ioie longe sought, late had, the sodeine qualme. I sudge to be hir great soy, to beutle By hir which soy:my sorow in this wise, Aracheth me (I say) to say that I have sator, and so much more, as is next after laids.

THE SPIDER

What is long liking life, the tyme once pall, Except the same, have bene orderlie spent Thaccounted and ite date, must cum at last, when woorde, and deede, with thought of ethe entent, Shall have a sust account, with like sudgement wolde god for all whiche dredfull doubtfull doutes That I had died even in my swadlynge cloutes.

For line we never to longe a time here,
The tyme determined once that hence must wee,
Then both all worldelie pleasure past, apere
Even as in deede it is, all banitee,
whiche pleasure hath bene longe possest in mee
I thinke in no creature livinge more
That ever lived here, a flie before.

Aull many a night, have I elcaped harme, when many a file, to harme was bought and folde and many a night have I lien close and warms when many a file abzode hath died for colde, and many a file the flap hath tobbe and tolde, when I have safely kepte from leobardee, My selfe, and all the files, that folowde mee.

Wherby (with flies) I was then so esteemed
That few thinges palled without my councell
And where I past: there was no daunger deemed
No; no cause why, for in all thinges that fell
My woorke did then approve my wit so well
That nowhit cared I, what sie did know it,
No; yet how far or brode al flies did blow it.

AND THE FLIE

I have bene (ere this bale) thele many bales. By mine experience and mother wit, Digbly in elfimacion many wates, and where I was prefent, no flie wolde fit, Doz pertely preale, to blow or bite one bit Mill 3 were fet, for where were flethe or fifte, The choile of both was mine in every bilbe.

And 3 Suppole as longe as present tence, Maie keepe pollell poffellion pealably, To fand in place and cale of reverence, Is thing much pleafaunt, to all flies welny, But once in chaunges cale as now am 3. The preter tence, prefentlie takinge place, Then bath the melent tence loft all bis grace.

Alas up topfull top of petterbate, Dow can it cure my carefull care prefent. Di pleafure patt, remembraunce both alwais The pinche of prefent papie, right much augment. Then in this prefent cale this confequent, Conclewbeth (3 lap) all pleasure past to bee Dought els, but banifbed baine banitee.

Thus lithe there now in charge of my repreete, Thole thinges, which I have longe time glozien in. Which glozy palt, encrealeth prefent greefe. and as my woozthy wet bio woozhip win. So thall their of my foly, neuer blin Zo bauite befame, report of this billreffe, Shall tolle and turne my toyt to foolythnelle. Manual A

THE SPIDER

As thus, the limplest sie whiche by my skoole, Is taught (ere this) of copwebs to beware, And seeth his master place so far the foole, Ao be my selfe now tript in the same snare, Shall by reporte my solle full vectore, whiche surely shall amonge all sies survive As long as any one sie is alive.

And though, this fall, I take to be as cleane without my faute, as without remedie,
And pacience the medionable meane,
And take all fautles falles, retoilinglie.
And eke where no helpe, helpeth maladie,
An make a vertue, of neceditee,
Pet those two poinctes, are poynctes to high for me.

Ho; be I faultie, o; be I faultles,
Sins I, this dreadfull daunger must endure,
I am not mortified to beare distres,
And being cleere remediles from cure
Of all my paines, that putteth most paine in bre,
Arom step, to step, stretcht on this straining stater,
No step like that, straineth daunger of dispater.

Nope (out of hande) thoulde fet me there about,
As hope of helpe is drownde, so I for beare
All viligens, that hence might helpe me out,
Thus though the caged byrde (with from the fout:
And voile right sweete) can sing his song? by route,
pet can the fettred sie, so: sing no noate,

Grample

AND THE FLIE

Example of my lette, whole weeping eiele, with lobbing lighinge harte, betvaileth my payne, Appearing luche, by ought I can lurmiele, As both (in maner) thow my beath certaine, Namely if to the spider now remaine In this his manthion, let here presentlie, Then dred I doubles, here, foorthwith to die.

Of such a death as most abhorth be flies, which, flies have felt, and fothe have seene to plaine, Of propertie the spider bath the gife, first to suche out, and so eate up our braine, To his small gaine, and our most lost and paine, Thus bath it bene, thus is it, and thus shalbe, Till pittie may mitigate thertremite.



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THE SPIDER

The breadfull wonder of the spider at sodaine shaking of his copieb. Lap.3.



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Talhat tyme the file, this to him felfe had faide, about the house he cast a volefull looke, wher with (to breake away) he made abraide, with such a thrust, that all the copies shooke, at whiche the spiver stert, and streight awooke Dut of sounde sleepe, full fast trembling for feare, and feintlie spake (anone) as ye shall heare.

Alas where am I: alas whence came I?
D; whither thall I? what; this an erthe quake?
D; cometh the vaie of voome now loveinly?
Aought els (I trow) but that, my house coulde make
In enery place to thatter and to thake,
what is this buzzyng blumberinge trow we: thunder?
Dolve house, alas my seeling riveth a sunder,

No parte bath rest, in all partes of this frame, From roofe to groundsill, within any roome. Is it the divell? of is it our dame?
De is it the page? of is it the groome?
De is it our maide with hir birthin become?
Betwene the divel, and all these, last and furst, Abe divel take me, if I can choose the worst.

But ill, woozle, and woozlf, divel, and all togither Do me allaute as it (to me) both feeme,
Dath fortune wrought my foes at this tyme hither,
And not so much as warnde me to misseeme,
Now sie on sickle fortune thus extreeme,
And I desie the garde of suche a guider,
Alas (this day) I am but a dead spider.

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THE SPIDER

Thele woozdes thus spoken, downe anone he sanke. Kneling a while, demoutlie on his knee, And then rounde on a heape, to grounde he shranks. Like an veryon where an aple tree. No felon, fast in fetters for his fee, Noz ape in chaine, that ener lookte more pale, Then lookte this spider, after this tolde tale.

So that these twayne, Kand now in one estate, for in like langour, both be now here led, And of their lines, both like desperate, for now the sploer, is as far in dred, And by that dred he is even as neere ded, As is the flie. who thinketh he seeth at eie, Dis death appoaching him, aparantlie.



The spider taking comfort, entreth in quarell with the flie, Lap. 4.



In selectorate place is women a wearing call, . Log wards, in wards, so wards the flic mage late,

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THE SPIDER

Howbeit anone, the spider well espide
That emmemies were there none save onely one:
And him he sawe so safe, and sarely tide,
That by he stoode to stretche him, and anone
(2) is somer feare from him now beyng gone)
To the top of his copweb, he stept boldsty,
And in these wordes: began to common coldely.

Noho are you that lithe there ? speake if ye can?
Follooth (saide then the flie) sy it is I,
I, be you I (quoth he) I pray you than
What I be you? tell me that by and by.
What I am I? forsooth sir a poore sty:
What thou saile theese, art thou here quoth the spider
Thou shalt seele ranse, to wishe thou hads gone wider.

And therwithall full furiouslie he flang Towarde the flie, but what tyme he espite him, Dh lozd how his feat feete and handes he wang, Beferhing his great god, that day to guide him, And from his moztall ennemie to deuthe him: with out whole ayde, from which his foe: to slit, De saw it past a flies pooze powze and wit.

And his dreadfull dispayre, was muche the more To see how speedelie the spider span, All rounds about his house eche spde to shore, No weaving workman in this worlde that can weave that like web of that like Ausse woven than, In eche weake place is woven a weaving cast, By warde, in warde, to warde the flie more fast,

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Mohiche bone, these woozd' the spider sewely saide, Thou auncient enemie and arrant theese. Whose lignage alwaie bath thewde banner splaide Against my parentage to their great greese, And now thy selfe renewing their mischeese with mallice of thine owne in bre to put, Art solen in to my house, my throate to cut.

And never had my house, and boutholde harme the any flie, so much as now by thee, I threw the naked hart, I was full warms paked a bed, a steepe so mote I thee, There as my wife cand all my children bee, twhere god knoweth what they do, or how they do, they fears whiche thou at this time bringest them to.



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THE SPIDER

The spider sterring into his house to comfort his housholde, the fite deniseth what way to escape the daunger of the spider.

Cap. 5.

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A no with these woozdes alive the spider start, where his saide bedselow and offizing were. Saying these woozdes: now good mine owne sweete hart and my two babes be ye all of good there,
The present cause of all your present fere
Is past, I have the catteste fast in snare,
That was the cause of all your fearefull care.

what hopelon is it hulband, (quoth he) wife a fielhe flie as big as a humble bee,
That shall (if I live) swelte leese his life.
The youngest spiver there, at this crive he,
Dh, father father I hertelie pray pe
Remembre when ye shall returne againe,
To bring me some part of that sliesh flies braine.

Dow lay ye to this babe (quoth the mother)
will ye here this brihin of eyght weekes olde,
It is a babling beat above all other,
Pe (quoth the father) childe hardely be bolde.
Thosnes picke youge, that thalbe tharpe folke have tolde,
which theweth in thee, in that thou art enclinde
To crave (thus youge) according to thy kynde.

And while the spider valied in this wife, The hie (considering this extremitee) Did with him selfe, aduled the deutle, To scape with life, what might his best means bee, Dokely, as I might here, saying, I see Like as muche contension can nought prenayle, So: to muche cowardise might all quayle,

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Betwene

THE SPIDER

Betwene these two, cowardise and contension,
The spiders ire the rather to alwage,
I temprately must tempre mine invension,
To plead my right in reason not in rage,
And sens my body lieth in tayle forgage,
My tayler faire and gentlie to befeeche,
That is (in flies, no flaterie but faire speeche.

From desperate seare: hope makeh me now suppose,
If I may obteine hearing reasonably,
I nother life not libertee shall lose,
But be let lowse from bondage by and by,
And herebpon the spider sobeinely
From where he was, returned backe againe,
And streight to gripe the flie began to straine,



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AND THE FLIEF HT

The spider being returned to the flie, after a few moordes betwene them had, the flie fewith to the spider to be berd speake which he graunteth. Lap. 6;



Aso thou inter fperne Chow what thou hall to breake,

The flie (to him) lift by both hart and handes,
And m most milde behantour humblelte
Salve: ly, fins Jam bound here in your bandes,
Cluder commaundment thus assuredie,
What bute might breede to you more infamic
Then here (in hucker mucker) me to murder,
The cause inheresore Jote, publishe no surver.

Aflie: (quoth the ipider) I dare lay: the cause
Is open enough, for a thoislands marks
will not repaire that, which against all lause
Thou has here broken: beholde thine owne warks,
wherin to aunswere all: that at me barks,
To whom thy dolefull death shalbe apparant,
To them thy divelishe deeds shalbs my warant.

Dir (laive the flie) if it in veede lo be That this my veede, aparantly appere, So far my faute, that it may warrant ye, To gene me veath therfore with consciens cleere, Then as my body is in prison beere, So with my bodie yeelde my will, will I,

But fyz, befoze we that be for toozth,
I you befeech right humbly as I maie,
Alow my fewer, for fuch : and so muche woorth,
To win pour grount (ere I be cast awaie)
To here, what I can in this matter saie,
So thou with speece show what thou hast to breake,
I (quoth the spider) graunt to here the speake.

AND THE TLIES

I thanke you humblie (quoth the flie) but fire

Of a goole with garlicke laufte: lo late I cete,

That my breath flinketh, and fins I may not flue

From you, for you I thinke it very meete,

To flep from me: a loofe: to sire more fiveete,

The spider stepping backe a little way,

The flie therwith (somiwhat lightned) oth lay.



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Maiter hiver, note (I beleche you) this, we know right well, the vertue of Julile, In enery creature here linguage, is, 180th in you friders, and the in vs flile, and in enery other wight beyng wife, The thing: which is generally pretended, and where it is in deede, highly commended:

And where that bertne, lacketh in any wight, All other bertnes, there bo blo abew, what bertne can (in place) take place of right, In luche as to thew Indice, boos elchew: who lacketh Indice, he can not be trew: And who in Judgings all thinges, Judiy Judgeth, To chabit this Judge his Judge, no toile wight grudgeth.

Great lett? wherein are foure, loue, bute, meebe, and preebe, In all whiche indgementes genen, abindigering geines, Loue, Judgith the loued, more, then fulfice theweth becreebe, Bate, Judgith the bated, lette, then Judice confireines: Meebe, Judgith the meeber, impre, then Judice contreinte, Dred, in dred of the breadth, the dreader prines.

To Judge, more or telle, as the dreader prines.

And taboged partiall libgement beforeie partife,
Though those partie for tadge, I with none of them,
Pet change of minde or matter, both oft fortie,
That the tudge, is tadge, and partie one of them,
As you feeme tudge here, being the tone of them,
Delle love in whiche tadge, he thother part hatinge,
May tudge muche tudgement, of much butuff ratinge:

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Pe though the judge, hate thother partie no deele, That felfe judge, him felfe, lougng moze then enough, Lefte right then enough, thother part may foone feele, Selfe love, to him felfe tender, to the rest tough, Is, of just instice, neither roote, braunce, nor bough. Love (namely felfe love) corruptibly growing, Is cheefe lovester of let?, in justice spowing.

For though corrupt lone, and hate: contrarile mere, woorke one like wronge, both in one like begree linkt, pet that lone, woorle then that hate: Jadindge bers, It is more hard, lone to our lelues to extinkt, Then hate to other, to placke from thart? prelinkt, Thus, of inflice no let lebeth intrapcion,

Like this lone (named felfe lone) growne of corrupcion.

Must to the point, images that inflice ble, all all in its and all the red, and addition and all the part and all the

Syns infice that five ete floinze full fapze noth groio,
In persons suche as of most bale sopte bee,
That floure moze fapze and sweete must needely spoin
In those that stande, about the means degree,
Beyinge therto knyt buto auctorites,
As moze oz lesse, who may commaunde at will,
So moze oz lesse, he may bo good oz ill.

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AND THE PLIES

And in our cafe, were full fullife clene refect , pobat miuries might therby bere artie. thun in matigle it Dfflies fartes, if fupbers willes wept, theffect Might foone, might wilfull will, without tultife, and called Deaw buto beath, a bumbeth thowland flife . pobich: will may bo (if will thall knit the knot) pobether that we flies, offend or offend not.

Dowbeit I hove ve will bo inffice, furbe As may with this tuff tuffice topne fulfly, In mine accounte pour wilhome is to muche, To blot as blur your fame, for any fly, wherby I ffand in truff affuredly. Buff indgement in this matter, now to hane. And other thing then that, I bo none grane.

Saue that this cale, may be first fully bard : And fully percepued, by realonning lykewife, whiche bone, as equptee, belt afterward Shall you abuyle, mp indgement to beuile . without further apeale in enterpatie, 3 thall (as 3 fay) other to line og bie, Into pour bandes, peelbe me contenteblis.



THE SPIDER CHA

The spider graunteth the file both to here and adindge this case, as maie most agreably stand with Beason, Lawe, Die stome, and Conscience. Cap. 8.

And in gar tale, toere tall field fene erfeit,



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Lie (quath the spider) I espie right well,
Thy braine is muche, which I right much set by,
the which the present seince, the trenth to tell,
Thou shewest here wittely and honestly,
Request wherin, showeth such conveniently,
full heringe and reasoning, to win me to:
That reason bibth me graunt, and so I do.

And for the relt, behold me now (quoth he) twherwith, his feete to his mouth he tollis, saieng thele woord, now file here but the I sweare a follem othe, by all these crollis, Thou walt have suffice, though I suffere lollis, as reasonably may stand, for thy before, In reason, lawe, custome, and conscience.

In cumpas of which foure principles towche,
All behates, discourff, and discuss thulde bee,
Reason, to perceive, mans great ground is bowcht:
Lawe, on reason: must take grounde to agree:
Custome, standeth (of thouse) on reasons decree:
Conscience, with reason concurth: to withdrawe
Thertremitees of custome, and of lawe.

Ulpon these foure (ethe one) one corner poste, The Cintyng of debate, takth Candyng Cay, Wheron this building, Chalbe so enbotte, That as I ware, againe I weare I say, Without corrupcion on my part, this day, Thou shalt be vied herein, at my hand, As most with reason, and this rest maie Cand,

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THE SPIDER

They stand both in hope to connince ech other by inst cante, the flie prairing the spiders pardon, of suche rude speeche and all behausour, as he maie chaunce to over shoote him selfe in, the which the spider both graunt.

Cap, 9



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Dere never was figer limiter, that buckt so low, where begging woon him twenty cheeles, as is the file now to the spider ruckte, he maked him sewee to won, who ever leeses, and here with all (by chaunse) the spider sneeles, how (quoth the file) chaunce I to win or leese.

Christ belp, and longe in helth wel mote ye sneele.

The spider herefore, game the file suche thanke, as hath in vlage, course of curtesy, with note these twains, so lately so like blanke. And both now, in lyke mirth immediately, we thought, that chaused very pretyly, The stie thinketh, reason shall sure make his wais, The spider, thinketh in reason, surely nay.

Dir (quoth the flie) I must yan here beleeche, To ratefie your pardon my protection In my behausour, namely in suche speeche As may (by rubenes) rightly trane correction, If I hall larke your aybe, to this election, Then may my reasoning, for my libertee, Leele my libertee, and soon my senderbee,

This is encluded (file) in my floozine othe, 189 whiche I erff have promyloe the infile, Suche speeche as in thy case dyrectly gothe, So that thou rayle not, to fer out of sile, Norwhiche thou seemest a flie, as fer to toile, Spare not to speake thy mynde; and buto me (So saide) say what thou will: I pardonthe.

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THESPIDER

That pardon I recepue, with hartie hart, And hartely chanks your graunting of the fame, The thale now of this nutte, thated cleere apart, The crackyng of this nutte: to put in frame, Ho; winning of the carnill of this game, To your pardon had, your pactence praying, To here for further ferchyng, further faying,

Dere stoode they both, a while in silent stay:
The sie denising warely what to speake:
The spider likewise, warely watcht at day,
What great woozdes, out of his mouth, small and weake,
Of chalenge or defence, shoulde there then breake,
Wherwith at curtesy, low and renerent,
from circumstanace, to substanace, the sie went,



They entre into the principall argument, the flie supposing no laufull profe by witness of any ill there against him: the spider allegeth the contrarie, the flie (upon occasion) requyring to be bailde under surety, the spider denieth it. Cap.10.



After spider, the pith now to advance:
I pray you declace plainly (quoth the file,
Zow can (by law) in reason this misthaunce
Support in you: to kepe me cruellie,
To lie in prison, here thus piteouslie,
And with your fetters fettring me thus fast,
Do lanfull proofs of cause, by witnes past.

No laufull proofe (quoth be) Ale failt thou fo?
What proofe can reason thow in law more cleare,
Then light of him that one inche can not go,
from present place: where plainely both appeare,
Suche an acte bone: as thou half now bone heere.
I thinke the fallest Ale, of all thy kin,
woulde subge for haynous, thy thus breakings in.

But put the cale, that I atached you, In this my lozothip, falt in taile to At, But as suspect, no act aproved now, Pet might I keepe pe falt, least pe might flit, Tyll pe were founde giltie, or els a quit, Except this cale run right, the law runth wronge, Hor this is lawe, and lawe it hath bin long.

Reepe (quoth the flie) I pray you in inspence, The first aleged eale: of these last twayne, Till in this last, law ley experience, whereby it may apeere, ye may betaine, I flie: suspect of crime, not proued plaine, But buder surety, out of common Jayle, The prisoner shall at sute, be let to bayle.

Let flies to bafte: friend flie (quoth the fpider)
Any by my fathers foule, that will not bee,
Except he here, wilbe fuche a byber,
That he will fit fast by the feete for thee.
And take thy turne: him will I take furetee,
Any (quoth the flie) that trieth a freende to muche,
I have good freendes, but fure I have none fuche,

To binde a flie herein, body for body, were bond inflicient: for a thing thus fleight. well (quothithe ipider, fly call thou me noddy, Greept I prove this a thinge of much weight, But thou alluredit me in way of refeight, Of one flie here, now father fast in Jaile, To go lay falt on an other flies taile,



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THE SPIDER

The spider chargeth the flie, first with burglarie, which the flie answereth buto: than the spider chargeth him with single felony, which the flie reasoneth buto. Lap. 11.



Dis reason depueth by now (quoth the flie)
Streight to your reason, before suspensed,
wherein mine act, appearing entbently
so huge, and beynous offence commensed,
as by that reason, it is pretensed.
Then lawe and reason both, will that I faile,
Oflight surety, to borow me to batte.

Although the deede, I nowhit do deny, pet how can lawe, by any wight well witted,
Lay in my faute, offensive fact therby.
flie (quoth the spider) that can (and will) I,
And thy reproche, to broche foorthwith at large,
I lay in lawe) burglary to thy charge.

That charge is loone bilcharged, fir laide he, The breache of houles, in the tyme of night, Shewth eutdence where those offenders be. But not onely: the some both thine full bright, Ere flies a morning, cum abrode in light, But also at eeue, ere the some be set, Ethe flie to his lodgeyng, againe will get.

By this, this breathe, can be no burglary, And ere I now came here, all men might fee The some apeering butnersally. Though it (at thy comming) were day with thee, Pet was it night (quoth the spider) with mee, I was a sleepe, and no day yet had seene These two longe houres, had not this mischaunce beene.

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THE SPIDER

Lir (quoth the flie) about that ye now were a fleepe, till that the some were fire howes hie, Louide any reason, thow reason to beare, You to affirme, or firmely verifie,
The day for night, till time ye day espie,
So were it a thing, easy to be doone,
with a winke, to make it midnight at noone.

twhy fly, at noone: midnight is it with mee,
If I at noone be a fleepe: ye (quoththe flie)
But if ye against one noone fleeper thall fee,
Ten thouland noone wakers, night from noone to trie,
ye thall poozely proue, this night noone burglarie,
And flept ye till noone: yet in course of the sunne,
ye are not ignorant, how the day doth runne.

Well late (late the leider) and put the cale, That I in this cale, yeelde thee the mailirie, Wet Chall this other cale (I trow) take place, I here arrest thee sie, of felonie, Which cause of arrest thou canst not benie, In breaking in here thus, and never knocke, As good or better, were to picke the locke.

I brake into this boule now (quoth the flie, Like as a theefe both breake into newgate, Sauving that the theefe, both most commonlie Bretend at his entrie there, more estate, for breake a theefe in there: evely or late, The hath as many leaders as a bride, with weyters, attendant on everie side.

And yet no theefe is there of all the ront, That into that house breakth so willingtie, But he wolve rather go ten mile about, To thun this danites of vaine glorie, Then be releived so honopablie. Acounting his life: no vaie the thorter, In taking paine to be his cione porter.

And as the theele, full fer against his will. Doth breake in there, so brake I now in heere, for theele or flie, what one hath wiele fil, Lo prease to rob where he hath knowlage cleere, By robry: to steale ought, nought can apeere, hor no commodites there consequent, that beath, or perpetuall prisonment.



THEISP POER

The spider (in a maner) graunteth, that the sie cam into the copweb against the flies owne will, which the spider so graunteth, for such policy soorthwish appering; as seemeth to weigh sore against the flie; Lap. 12.



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So mote I thee good felowskia (falle ha) which the live and it is and it is that allegacion rechest beneado for one works of though an an Abart in aparance, in concludate with their annual and the trades for glad or willinglie, help isolder cross lebered at molacy glad. As he thoulde cleavely know, his community were refresh as he is the concept work and the concept in an incident and supported inductions where the corner of the An enthem and supported inductions.

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And yet thowde he, semblaunce of fallicee, So as it might apeere, that he did smile (for ide) byon the flies behalfe, that he So wittily wound out of this exile, which set the file, in glasse for the white, In light whereft the splanes healing has from laughing looks, to long my those fait in

Thele woord? he lowerly laine, dough I not peelve, Gramtyng that they rainst here brindlingly, pet shall the site (wone from) leefe the scalbe. In all the rest hereof similaritatly. Even with the same weapon, thou wants this by, as thus, by the baunger that sites here since, Thou provess to cum hither against thy minde.

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For though the cumming, were against the toll, what hope to belpe then bente : noth that simplie, wins neath here had: or empellomment till, Is all the proofe, the locumining to trie, Now (quoth the spiner) heads out your man flie, This beroft than genes by pour name content, who can blame me, there it gene indigenient.

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The flie herewith is about it, but a none he gathereth him felfe to a flay the toning a realon, that maketh a manifelt tho to clearly to ouerthan in the fathers for effice polycie. Lap. 13.



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Suthe a chosping cheche, is a the in doller, A meane will mate berne, a was a choking offer.

The spider yelding to the fles late laiping, was a cast beyonder the files expectacion.
The special telescope the spiders musicing.
Thus far against the fire, or appobacion.
The seemed to take great discontentacion.
Was him selfe, to see his owne woods gree flate, as the spider, to gene him this himpermate.

Bowbeit anone, Pey in him felie be toke,
Salying thele woothes, both with good hart and wit.
Bood mailler spices, if ye rightly loke,
In all yer pall, all knott! betwene by knit.
Zangement with tustice: that feare me nowhit,
file (quoth the spices) tell me that tale frome,
whe have well begonne, but nothing nice boome.

And pet even now: for all thy bragging boll, Accounte this cale, if we now condition, The paiment of thacounte wilbe thy coll, for though thou burglary do here betend, And felony, that both hereon depend, Pet of my purpole, thine divine confession Dath pealably, put me in possession.

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pet the felfe confession as thou does here, and and and pet the felfe confession as thou does here, and and and pet the felfe confession as thou does here, and and and pet the felfe the felfe to fram cleare, and and and some not with Androg though that proofe apeers, and and and the felfe has confess here the felfe to be, and an in the peace, or dead priloner, at least; with me, and and and the peace, or dead priloner, at least; with me,

In deede fir (latte the file) etten as ye late, and and latiful Errept my woods for my now hither chaning, and and a latiful Mate have expectation fum other wate, it go a latiful and latiful Then it leavest they hall have, after your fliving, and add the Better for me were to exercise minning, and and latiful Then that my speech shoulde those me suche an elfe, and a make myne owne woods condenne mine owne file.

What time my reason, topinde with your consent, Approved my climige here against my will, By soze knowne death (I say) or prisonment, A hen is my reason, to the points not sit, for as ye have graunted, and must graunt still, Distribute me (at full) it doorth and must do, Of burglary, and selony, both two.

And thus this one reason of mine (pe lee)
Aunswereth all your reasons (sane one) wherby,
Pe lay to me, that I acknowlage mee
(In maner) by agreement here to by,
De till I bie, here in pelson to by,
But once mine answere to those woodd spoken,
If Justice holde, this pelson is broken.

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It that were true, every theefe might fap,
In place where as rabbertes accultomed were,
That he might by cultome rob there alway,
the cause cultomic anought that the unexpected rob there,
I see this example offenbeth your ere,
And so it may: for to prough by proofe clere,
That I am imprisoned mrangfully bere,



AND THE PLIES

The spider checketh the slie, so, his comparing about the spide der in knowlage of law and custome, which the sly mainterneth by one reason commonly reported:

10 herupon the spider perceining the policie, so, which he somed to granne the slie to cum against his will, taketh little or no place, that much weaking his part, he driveth the site to draw backe that graunt.

Cap. 14.



THE- SPIDER ONA

This is a good bragge, the (quoth the lolder, and and disagrant of the battell, as song of disagrant and an meete reason, for an out river, and this is a song of disagrant that wolve by facing, his entirentes expelled the standard this and be ye have it outh wonderthy well,

To fee a flie, thinke him felfe prefunctionity,

Better feene: in law and in custome; then 3.

For looth (quoth the file) no displeasure taken, My lernyng of reason, ought to palle yours, In wellminster hall, I am not sailaken, what may be a termer all tymes and howes, And that in aparance, passeth your powers, for as common report, mais be a proofe, There never cumth copined, in that hall roofe.

The buzzing beyng in westminster hall
Of a stell air, every man may sozbere
As well as my presens. And sure I shall
Prove it as bard, for thee to get out here,
As thou woldst prove for me to get in there:
And ere we bepart, I shall turne that Jorney,
Arom personall aparence to attorney.

And which of our lerninges also is belt, Thall cum to trial when we cam to ende, And my replicacion as yet thall rell, Unto your answere, by which ye pretende To prove me: by extorcion to offende, wherinin effect, ye say that I late, No reason of right, your body to state.

AND THE FLIE

In whiche, what matter I have to aledge,
18 y reason, conciens, custome and law,
Not only to keepe you here as in pledge,
18 ut also your body to death to draw,
That corsey woulde curfily your Comake gnaw,
Dow be it so; an ease to your panting hart,
I shall (so; a season) set that apart.

And partly perule, by way of retret,
Sum part of this matter graunted before,
Pay fir (quoth the file) that were but a let,
Let be here retret, or repete no more,
Kill time that indgement bo try our hole flore.
By gis file, thou speaked like a foole (quoth he)
The somer we take ende, the woorse for the.

But I perceive thou would pas over this,
Therby to win, all between is yet patte,
to berin. I graunt thine advantage growen is,
By means of my grauntyng, in over much halfe
That they art berg agaynt thy will now platte,
whiche graunt I graunted, to make thine since grounds
Prove the, in prilon here rightfully bounds.

And pet my wordes in this graunt throughly weeds, were not this absolutely graunted to be.

To thy wordes sor cumming against the well leave, I sayed they (in aparance) concluded me.

And that as it sends I must graunt it to the, which woordes import not ful power to be able, To binde this thus graunted, irenocable.

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THE SPIDER OMA

But lins thou hall found this feate fertying hole,

To byve thy head in, thus promptly prouteed,

I will yet once againe, quicken this cole,

twhether will or not will, the byther gupbed.

Not a whit (quoth the file) then am I derybed.

And olde tale, milrecknyng is no payment,

And if then thinks it an hinderaunce to thes, This part of proces to call backs agains, when then canst take like admauntage of mes, I graunc thes, like libertes to obtains. Agreeds (quoth the Ris) for when he saws plains, The spider, thus bent determinately, De thought it foly him to contrary.



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AND THE FLIE

They reason a freshe, to trie whether the file came into the spiders copied against his will of not. Cap. 15.



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Lie (quoth the spider) go we to the pith,
Thou said thou camit hither against the well.
And the onely reason to prove it with,
Is, sore knowlage of death, or this as ill,
Perpetuall prisoner, here to lie till
Concluding as no weight were so buwise,
willingly to cum, where known parels arise.

Contrary where is feene enery bay,
In feyng bayly that there enery thone,
Committing robries in any high way,
Do know affuredly twenty to one,
If they be had, they thall hang therupone,
And yet if they totter twenty togyther,
Otill be theeves rob there, now who leadth them thyther.

That do them felues (quoth the flie) and cause why, Ethe theese thinkth to scape thems, as both scapte mo.
Thynke they so (saybe he) then why may not I Thinke, that thou thoughts likewise from bense to go, May sir (quoth the flie) I coulde not thinke so, Meuer was there site in this net, thus maked, That ever scapte, as fer as I have alked.

Mell flie (qoth be) if thou this part wilt lane, Answere well these questions that follow beere. Hast thou had free will: as other flies have? We six. Is not (quoth be) thine eye sight cleare? Wes six. Wid ever fransy in the apeere? May six. We thy winges good and ethe other lym? We six. And all thy body lusty and trym?

AND THE FEIR HY

Pe lir. Ahen (quoth the lploer) it thould feeme Ahou art thine owne leaver? Pe (quoth the flie) Hyd any wight (quoth he) ble meanes extreeme Lo bring the? Pone that I can berefte. Hid I fend for the? Pay lir berelte. And yet thou art here, art thou not quoth he? Pes lir. Against my will, I assure ye.

well then (quoth the splott) thou gramts to have have free will, and that thou hast good light of eye,
Lusty lims to lead the, and never wast mad,
Compelve to cum, as who say soziyblye,
D; to be sent so; the felse doste denne,
And yet thosow sacyng, thou saines beere,
To cum now byther, against the well clears.

whiche falls bemeanour, confeder who well, woth well aproue the a crafty hyude theele.
Lyeing and frealeng, well together figil.
Dh (quoth the flie) this augmenteth my greefe,
Thus to be chargoe, with befertles represele,
I am a trew flie, fure I can no falle knack,
Alas mafter fypder ye be to capack.

As by this erlample may well be tryoe,

Out cale free wyll, and your lims led you now,

To pas lum narow bringe by lum high wates we,

And in that pattage, thould chaunce (god lane you)

To the into the diche, and breake your brow,

Or els (in a good howre be it spoken)

Pe were in perell your necke to be broken.

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THE SPIDER

And that while pe were in that diche lerallying, And leratting in the myze to faue your life, The lozde of that loyle, woulde in that failing Atache you of thest, and then wolde be rife To tharge you, as ye charge me, in this strife, Against your will, ye were not thyther brought, But your will it selfe: brought your selfe unlought.

Dow woulde pe animere this fir (quoth the fly)
I woulde (quoth the fpider) lay that my will
Led me not to fall in, but to pas by,
what if that layenge liked him so fil,
That he wolde lay, he might call be theele fill,
In that for your palling, but ar over,
We were of your will, let in neyther nother.

Then were I bypnen (quoth the lpider) to moue, Sum parte of the diffens between these three.
Will, power, and channee, wherin I might some prove.
That although my will be never to free,
Yet in actins thinges, will can not bring mee.
To accomplish those actes, for power or channee,
Must some with will, ere outward acte abaunte.

Not wonde I never to willingly will,

To weare powles steeple for a turkey hat,

Pet fins I might in deede, eate a hors will,

As some as have powze, so to pranke with that,

That will were as wise, as will of a wat,

Ny will: may will freely, this to optaine.

But will above powze, thus wilde, is in bayne.

AND THE PLIES

Mell without power, as in thinges actuall.

Can woothe nought, and where power and will both bee,

Chaunce both right oft, both power and will apall,

That contrary to power and willes betree,

Chaunce chaunceth lo, as when by power and will

we are preft foorth, chaunce charmith be to fram fill.

Exlample hereof, let be here now make.

By the laive bridge and diche, that you exit lepde,
At which though power and will, wold butertake

To bring me over, chaunce might fe me Reyde,
And both from power and will, to fer conveyde,
In going over that bridge, that chaunces tryp,
Might pop me in to that diche: even at a whip.



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THE SPIDER

They continue in pursuite of triall, inhether the flie cam thither willingly or unwillingly, so fer, that the flie (at length) offreth to take a boke othe, that he cam against his wil. C. 16,



AND THE PLIE

This is brankwarable (quoth the fits)

And a realin for my part worth a pyke,
as chaunce agapul well myght make you there lie,
why myght not chaunce even alwell in cale tyke
Ley me in this copioeb, as you in that byke.
file (quoth the fypber) thou art not alkyb
whether chaunce is myght, but inhether chaunce is byb,

That question to you, I coulde (quoth he) well
Make aparant proofe, on my part disclose,
That into that diche, charace did me compell.
for nought is there to feale, but aparell,
And all men know I nought defere nor needs
Those farying garment, of mire and greene weeds.

In faith (quoth the Rie) and I lone as ill have a side of the be in these rules, or willoutive, as ill will with as ill will with as ill will with a side of the greene, at the other live, and greene wherever this reason is as well appose, and and it is a south and the greene, at the other live, and and it is a south and the greene, at the other live, and and it is a south and the greene, at the other live, and and it is a south and the same south

Pe (quoth the spiver) but our timo cales
We as bulyke, as our gray and our greene,
Diches be common and open places.
Wherin to spivers, and all folke is seene,
That nother now is, not never hath beene,
for spivers in victes, ought to before,
Wy stelth, gift, bosowing, bigng or byre.

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THE SPIDER

But what commoditee here is for thee.

A hat is to thee: and to all the worlde hisden,

This house is to close than seek, into see,

And also all sites that berein have slidden,

They have (as than sailt) so long here absoden,

That by returns of any messengers,

Tydyng? from hems (3 know) than coulds none here.

Pet I thinke thou thought fure, to have founde better, bir though ye thinke, I thought better to speede.

Shall thinkeng leade you, without worde or letter,

To cast me away thus, the proofe no gretter,

Remember (quoth be) and began to tremble,

For by the waythat my loule thall gots,
I cam hither against my will befrenet,
Which cleerely peclareth, I thought to bo
O roby here, but sayne woulde have refragment,
My part of this house, to have constrained,
Which to be trew (quoth the sie) if ye looke
To have me swozne, I will swere on a booke,



AND THE FLIE.

The sploet not admitting the file to his othe, the flie bringth in the strength of the affirmative for his part : against the negative on the sploers side. whereunto adiopned his other reasons leide in discharge of charge past, he hopeth according to Justice promised, to be streight discharged. Lap. 17.



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Do conscience to be a persurbe wretche,
That othe (quoth he) by the way that god tooke,
Should: of my conscience nother make bretche.
No 2 yet any parte of my conscience stretche.
Well (quoth the spider) yet wolde I be lothe,
In this case, to trust a sie by an othe.

Dir mine affirmaunce in thaffirmative, In law and reason, is much more credible Then your beniall, in the negative, Your nay, to my ye, must needes be fallible. And in case present, it is impossible, To aprove your parte, sor how can it bee, That you, the secret; of my brest can see.

It is as certaine, that you know them not, As it is certaine they are known to me. Then: if I livere that chaunce me hither got, Against my will, were it reason if ye, Sware the contrary, believed thous be, As well as my selfe, when trewth can apeere, To none but my selfe, as apeereth electe,

I make my lelfe lewere, your lelfe thinketh not lo ?
which confidered, let be now confider,
when parte of this pall, ere we further go,
wherin proofe producth my cumming hither
To be against my will, all togither.
whiche squipe shall square me, a scantlin well bent,
for a right rewie, to show me innocent.

AND THE PLIE

And in the eares, of all that ought can fail, Shall vischarge me, in all that bath bene laybe. D; can be laybe, cummyng against my will, Low can burglary, against me be waybe. And in this felony, what can be saybe. Thankpug my trewth. I may here trewly say, This wispe, hath wyped all this woorke away.

That wifpe of yours (quoth the lyther) though hand Of cleanly (cowring, when all cunuth together, Proofe of your tale, I take it very frant,

To make me take your prefent cummyng hither

To be against your will, for how or whither,

Louide pe thus cum, but ye myght some beny,

To cum with will, as long as ye can lie.

Though I can lye, that is yet no tryall
That I have lybe, in whiche fir (quoth the flix)
Onely except fiffe or ferme beniall,
Pe can along no reason to bybe bie,
wherin I have allegbe appobately
Pour may, against my ye, can in this cale,
By no reasonable means, rightly take place

Now fins this parte, we have not onely brought, To ye, and nay, and that mine affirmance Bath fullie brought, your negative to nought, So that the same by grounded fure substaunce, Wischargeth (in effect) this charged chaunce, Berloomed promise of infrice I trist, Shall from this court, now se me streight dismiss.

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THEKSPIDERINA

The spider byon a case in law touching thaffirmatine, taketh holde to deteine the flie still in possession: but yet buder promise of instice before promised. Lap. 18.



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AND THE FLIE

Valoube pe trubge in post hast file, nay not so, pe may reporte in me small curteste, Except I make pe brinke once ere pe go, I thanke you (quoth the file) but bereite, will not brinke, for I am now not brie.

Though pe will not tary to brinke (quoth bee)

Pet must pe tary of necessitee,

Ont cale your allegations matche with mine,
and furder let your pe, about my nay,
pet will I not permute not yet reline.
Pollestion of your body here this day,
for your astrmative which ye do lay,
against my negative, for without witnesse,
Thatirmative both no tytle disposelle.

Thus : though pottetton fully not lutyre
To be a bar, against your affirmatives,
Pet bypngth possession clause of warantile,
By which, I bere may keepe you in these gives,
(Pou larkyng witnesse) sum part of our lives,
But (quoth the spider) truth, truly to tell,
Thou hast (for a flie) saide excedyng well.

Concerning cummying here against the well, wheren (as yet) our matter all both stap, Both partes apeere, of so pure persight stall, A hat we have brought eche other, to the bay. I there to ye, and thou me to nay, And as in lawrthy ye, seemth to seeme gretter, A hen both my nay, which showth the part the better.

THE ISPIDERIA

Not that ye, once the witnesse well aproned.
That their against the will both here apere,
Then hast their woon the whole (as yet) here moned,
Aproughg the selfe cleered to frank cleere
Of burglary and selong latte here.
Hor by what means, can any wight make press,
That any wight without will is a theese.

But for almuche, as that point is not yit
Laufully proute, I entend to keepe
The in possession, awhile here to sit,
Tyll we this matter wey, fant what more beepe,
Ony feare not flie, thou are builde to weepe,
for I will not all onely not belivey thee,
(Unrightfully) but further: not anoy thee.

Por of or on, gene indgement any way.

Tell tyme the leife (if then realonable bet)

Shalt fee, that I may infty be and fay,

By inft fee erst promifes botto thee,

All that thathe faybe, or beene bere by wee.

Whiche inftice thalf prome me to inft a indge,

That then nor no site, thalf have cante to gradge.



AND THE PLIL SHY

The spider, seeing that he can not take full hold of the file to case of burglarie, nor felone: he chargeth him now with trespas, to which the file reasoneth: Cap. 19.



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De reit of that benfe, to lo bent and bannbe.

Tanit for time, thou camif against thy minde, well around any of the kinde, well to befonde will appear and felony, of ethe kinde, per thou nor no fite, is so beetle blinde, what at the least, thou has trespassed me.

I fay and thou both fee, a thousand marke, framthe not this frame, as it framde ere this fyll, were it then meete, in suche a peece of warke, I crie you mercy I thought you none yll, Dzels, I cam hither against my will, Shoulde be full restitucion for the acte, without a more amendes made in compacte,

In cale it is, and in cale it is not,
As by example (quoth the file) put cale
Ahat in sum high way, it shoulde be my lot
Ao drive a carte, in sum one such a plate,
As from that wayes syde, within little spale,
Ahere were standing a house on a sayze greene,
And I perceyaying that way muche more cleene

Then the high way, Areight to that way I coalte,
And as I drive, the laide house to pas bie,
My carte wheele catchth holde of the corner poalts
Against my will and by biolencie,
Asunder crusheth it, to which haplie
The rest of that house, is so bent and bounde,
That in defaute therof, all falth to the grounds;

AND THE PLIES ON

In this cale: maiter lpider (quoth the tile)

Chaunce the chaunce by day, or chaunce it by night,
And chaunce it never to describe the right,
Pet law and laufull realon, thought it right,
That recompence punithe mine overfight,
Law maintainth no man, with or against will,
To be an acte to, to any mans ill.

But now put cale, that within this high way,
This houle were let, where as my cart thould go,
whiche did so cruthe the same, that there it lay,
for houses in high wayes encroaching so,
Last I downe one house, or a thousand mo,
There am I bounde by reason nor by law,
To recompense, the value of a Graw.

weeth not the law (file) thele cales for linke. As both in the tone cale, and in the tother. The owners hart to be fully as muche In one of thele cales, as in an other, his hurt is (quoth the file) in thone and thother, wurtfull a like, for be he leefe or lothe, wowne cannot his boule, in either cale of bothe.

Busche boing diffecth, for the first facte
I did against the law, as law both tell,
And enery wight is charge with enery acte,
Of his owne boyng, at his owne parell.
Wherby the law promoth bery well,
Orining my eart, by adventure at lage,
The hart in thaduenture I must discharge.

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THE SPIDER T CHA

But in this last fackte, the fawte (quoth the flie)
Is wholy turnbe butothe fusivers floe,
for him selse did an acte bulanfulle,
Dis house to set op there, whiche deede so trive,
My selse and eake my carre, lato both prouges
Darmles to sue, for six the lato is Groug,
In taking such hurtes, sor furtes without wrotes.

And in this last case (quoth the fite) stand we,
In all this burt here done, I do no wrong,
But all the burt ye have, is (ye may se)
By your wrong dooping, on your self a tong,
what can you spiders, thow your selves among,
By any kynd of law, what wey ye may
Lawfully bylde, within this my high way.



AND THE FLIS

The luiver (at the flies and wering him to a quellion) chargeth the flie with procurying of other flies to disturbe him in his copwebs, which the flie benithe. Lap. 20.



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THE SPIDER

Thy high way (fite) art thou losde of this loyle!
A poose losde fir. but if trewth may be founde,
I wand in case to desend this spoyle.
What is thy name (quoth the spider) speake rounde :
Bus (quoth the fite) with curtly to the grounde.
That name of bus (quoth the spider) both thow thee,
Guen sos a ringleader, to make me know thee.

De all the flies, that herein have bene flayde, peuer was there one in my conficience, But the first worde that ener he hath layde was but, whiche is aparant enibence, That all flies have there in great reverence, Thinking the policy or power of thee, hall fet them all from bens at libertee.

Moherby I may (and do) take occarion,
To thinke: that thou half bene the loole procurer,
Df enery flie, that hath made invalion
Into my boule, and suche alebode allurer,
Dught by good reason, to be kept much surer
Then forty flies, suche as thou half before
Entitle hither: and then laught them to skorne?

Sir (quoth the flie) trewth is my trew recozde,

I am giltles of this suspected blame,

I have entitle in ernell noz in bozde

Any flie hither, noz it is no game,

One flie to morke at an others harme or shame,

And by entitlement to bring a flie, where

As the entiter both licke, to cum there.

AND THE PLIE THE

And though (as A laide) I can prove it lucke, That this high way, is mine for free pallage, And that every fite bath right here as muche, Pet was I never to let in dotage, To let any fite (by broefcreete rozage) To put possession of his right in bre, To his destruction, and your displeasure.

If ye can proce that ever I procedite
Any flie hither, by worde or wrighting,
Dr by line of purpole craftely clokte,
As possession bere, any flie erighting,
Then, without mo word? by mouth or endightyng,
In our hole case much boughtfull how to try,
I yelde my selfs condends budoughtedly.



AND BESEDERS. THE

They fal in comparison touching their entoence written or but witten, where onto the flie leith prescription of custome, (which he before alleged) supposing therby, that the spider bught both to beliver him, and make him awender. Cap. 11.



AND THE FEILH T

Vilell (quoth the spyder) though this suspiction were clerely clered: pet half thy selfe clere, Brought in an other of worle condicion, as thus: thy claime to have thy high wase here, Bringth thee suspected, a theese to apere.

This is those we alwaie: all the worlde knowes, Trew men: in at boores, theenes in at windowes.

Maister speer: harpe no moze on that Eringe.
I cam the same wase that your maistership both,
There is small melodie in that harpinge.
Conferryng president? with present sooth,
Chaungth ofte, the barking tonge to byting tooth.
Warke or byte who wyll, sie I dare abyde
To se tytle present, by president tribe.

Sy: lo bare I then: and thall be well able, To botbe your suspicion. and prove my gyle, Not onely lawful: but therro lawbable. What evidence have you contrary wife. But gnat?, beele, walpes, bornet?, and all we figle, At crevis, and windowes, with bag and baggage, Have had egres and regres by olde blage.

This weith as (who late) there none endence Showth contrary, but this wate thine mate be, whiche is no profe, for thy parte worthe two pence So might I claime every thing that I fee whiche were in wryting: not forbioden mee But it is not enough, not to be denide, for tytels must specially be specifyde.

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THE SPIDER

Sir (quoth the die) specialties in writinge Specially to specifie: yours and mine, Shoulde we be vriven: to spein suche enditinge That wolde (I feare) blanke both our partes in fine, Our chiefe enthence that we can aline, for profe or disprofe: by any berrees, Stanoth in bertue, of unwritten beritees.

Flie, this tale weith not a flie taile (quoth he). Lanft thou thew ought: of profe or disprate clere By written or busystten wordes to see. But that our posession: that clere apere, As auncient as the succession here. Sir (quoth the flie) I flicke not to agre pehane by a posses, here: as longe as we.

And longe mote be. For by the god of might,
I never knew fire: but was with the lame,
Bartely contente as fer as by right
Pour owne grounde might beare, to inlarge your frame.
But to be plaine, this is the thing we blame,
That ye thus of will, without our consente,
Ulsur pe on bs: by meane of encrochement.

Bood honest flies a thowsande that I knowe, will safe and sweare: it was tharustombe gife, That spiders builded in every windowe. In the top: 02 by the sides in suche wife, as the reste of the lateste for all side, the comon knowne custome, when we wolve set, tope free at libertie: from any let.

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AND THE PLIE !

But this is building of an other life
How mais any flie: this wais easily get.
By any wais that his wit can benife
Dere is a frame: in such a facion set,
as all were fifty: that might cum to the net.
So fer this lateste is over covered.
I marvell your selfe will se it suffered.

The cale of the carte: in lawe laive er this (Lustome adiomoe) this wate mine owne to try) Auouchth for me that you have done amis. To encrothe or blurpe bulaufully, In my high wate, then of reason thinks I, ye ought: in lawe, custome, and conscience, 130th let me passe; and make me recompence.



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test this is builting of an other file

The spider denith the flies discription of custome, allegeying the saigning of aunciente spiders so, his intereste by custome, wherin anone bothe shewings eche to gene small credite to other, the flie moneth to put the mattier in arbiterment, which (as yet) the spider doceth not graunte.

Lap. 22,



AND THE PLIES

Awe and cultome, those twaine of thy laide three (Pamely lawe) somewhat resoned here have by a But of conscience (saue that name, nambe we) no worde was touchte, since we did first begin. Tyme county not yet, to bringe conscience in. Of lawe and custome: to ease rygours force Conscience at last course: procurety remorce.

But thy carte cale: and al cales last laide, In charge of trespas thy parte to desende May be determinde (for ought here yet waide) As thei on lawe and custome do depende whiche thou doest alledge, with me to contende. But thy descripcion of prescripcion here In our acustomde rightes, I benie clere.

flie: I can being foosth spiders trew and olde, Mose worthipfull then than canste bringe foothe siyle To swere that to them, their foresathers tolde Tyme fer beyonde minde, customes exercise Aproved us to byloe in as large sple, As I have bilded here, and in thy plat, Ten or twelve holes, to crepe in and out at.

Towchyng cultome, thothe of ten thowlande fiple Lan (by water of witnes) beynge nought to eale In files credence, to supports, there both ryle No dyffrence in othe, the woosth of a peale Betwene a thowlond fixes, and a thowlande fieale. Paie file (quoth he) and shoke him by the neb There shall no fixes othes, minish this copineb.

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THE FPIDER

Mohere ye (quoth the flie) thinke flies perciall, for witnes herein, that chalenge mais be In spiders and flies in this case equall, Sins spiders be parties as well as we, why shoulde not we feare percialitee, As muche in you: as you thinke it in bs, And truste you as little, this standing thus,

But reason (saive the spyder) pe so do.

Then can this trespas not be trive this wate:

we are at ye and nate againe bothe two.

for you no crevence gene, to that I saie

And I as little credite that you late

Paught grauntings erbe to other: but beniall,

Tow can we twaine betermine then this triall.

If (quoth the lpider) I wolde condificende

To bylde in rozners: at thine allignement,

And freight let the passe, we were freight at ende

So were we (quoth the sie) were I contente,

At your onely woozde, my lyfe to relente

Of whiche two wates, if the tone noz the tother

Be reasonable, let be looke out an other.

That mais (sie) by thy faithe rank thou esple

That mais seme mete: to make be twains agree,

If I be the deuiser (quoth the sie)

Then thall you choose one, whom it pleaseth ye,

and I an other whom it pleaseth me.

And as thei two awards byon the whole,

we two to bide, happie man, happie bole.

AND THE FLIES

So might I haply be bapple (quoth he)
But I coulde not be rooth bapple and wice,
This proner be proneth this a fooles berre,
a thinge affuerve, to halarve at the dyce.
It bought and had, to bie at a newe pryce
Dr bringe a certentie for any laiving,
To an uncertentie: by boutotfull daying.

gli thinges confidered in this tyme and place uphat were my wit: to put this thing in we, uphat coulde I win by that case in this case and what coulds thou here lese sins thou arte sure, at wyll, in my hande to die of endure.

The worse of this were were hurteles to the, and the beste of this ware: fruteles to me.



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The file (after a fe we woordes concerninge appeale) boeth brefely recapitulate theffect paffed in the principalicale. Ca. 22



AND THE PLIE CHA

Sp: if ye confider nothings but winnyings, and in the party of the field in being and an about the field in being and an about the field in being and an arrange in the pour prometles mane me at beginnings, and arrange of infice bere. I hope no baths of speeds and arrange for green gettings that make ye proceeds.

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Can not (acording to your pramets, bolos.

Hot le is nowe this matter brought aboute

That it to iudge: neither can you not I,
we both be parties to perciall that this nonte

Muste be discuste and independently,
By folke indifferent. which if ye deny,
In suche fourme as I have here exist denised,
Then by the Instice inhiche ye exist promised,

I claime thre comon laive. where Jam fure,

To fave me fafe from barme, that lawe bath grounds.

For if your evidence, be put in bre,

That is so fleight, I hall be gifteles founds:

And being filent, if no witnes founds

Then this bondage of prison to discharge

Proclamacion freight, that set me at large.

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AND THE FLIE

Dale lit: ye must pate pour fees er pego.

But goth my parte, flie in thine opinion,

No nere buto the poth of for footh for no.

Pour cale in laive: is not worth an inion,

Well flie (quoth he) fins thou arte a minion,

Df so large learnings: I praise the teache me,

Sum lesson: in this tale to belove the.

That letton the with here, not to ferre behynde
In lacke of learning as of remembrance,
Ao; if it lyke you, here to calle to mynde
By brefe recytall: the very fubiliance,
Argude (as yet) between to in this chance,
I donte not in the fame your felfe to le
Laufe, in my former wordes to credite me.

As thus. ye remember our matter patts

Pour felfe hath beuiden into partes thre,

Burglary, felonie, and trepas latte.

And firste: for burglary ye saw: and muste se,

That flies: by nature no night theues can be.

And though we coulde: yet might your selfe in sight,

we thus with me: to cum noise by date lights.

And buto this: touchinge the seconde charge,
whiche chargeth me with lingle felouie,
I am assured: you serching at large,
Remembring my cumminge buwillinglie,
hall well perceive, my pure innocencie.
In talke wherof: the treiothe muste make be sate,
That we at length: were briven to ye and nate.

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AND THE FLIRA

wherm I prove, that mine affirmative is pour negative, to crerely both confute, That I bare fate, any tetory alpue:
(Pout letting not the cale fall to nonfute, what Canbe to triall, in that we dispute, Shall, (byon hearings: what this mounth build) Geve berdite with cumming againsts my will

And thirdely: in trespas you chargings me with the burte of your bowle: I nothings doute The carte case thall make temp and inoge se. This trespas on my spoe cleane scraped out. And this debate at enve so brought aboute That in this lates: latve thall well appose, The holes all mine, and you to byloe aboue.

Now fins of he twaine: no one can be indge, Because we be both extreme perriall partise I wonder what cause: both cause you to grudge, at the arbitermente that I deutse.

In these thre saide cases there can arise, In your recovery by the roman lawe, Some advantage, to the value of a strawe.



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THE SPINE

celle T egene, that mine a firmatine:

The spider puth a case in appeale, ill (in apparence) for the flie, as the spider drawth it : and anone be by er ample of the lordes will : had in courtes of copie holde, senting to leane to warde will : the flie laboreth to qualette that will . Cap 24.



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AND THE PLIE

Thom halte (quoth the lotter) in this firtle all answers the fells by the answering me.

To one question: whiche nows bemaunde I shall.

soy felows lie, I put this case to the.

That this same date, at London chaunste to be, home man committing sache a bemous bede,

That death (by lawe in London) should procede.

The whiche deve: being at Louisine committee. 2420 gd. Lawe (there) for that deve no beath both proute. The faughter perin! so wilely water.

To faue his lyfe, apealth to be trained at a still a column of a from London to Louisine, there is be tribe are so died and and were it (flie quoth he) reason in this tale.

That this mans apeale (houlde take any place.

I hinke fir (quoth the file) tendere die renich annance and nie graunte requeste of inche apeale die die apeale die apeale die die

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Boto to (quoth the flie) thus (quoth the fppder) Thou grantff, inhere faughters de an entermile, Whiche, worthy beath the lawe both coliner.

Thenterpailer shall speale in no wife Mut take fuche chaunce, as by lawe there both rple Soeine arbiterments and mili patus, In from aftwelve or tinaine; one shall noise trie be.

what one that that be ! my lelte quoth be. ceast (by laine in Loncon) theul Thy bede bone bere; bath by lame bere, beath fure, At mine erfte leinte, (laine the file) bere in bre-Pe promised institute to be sa pure, of change and and one. That with or against me, ye walke nought be, nadmal more that as my selfe in reason muste gre to an itang at a reason.

poberin we being cumminge towarde the points In performance of promife : to fee trialle it (houn) all simile & Poine is inte initiee, la totte out al teinte uper common out That pe bere builtelp, Canbe at bentalling and and and the To be me fulfice, and wolbe by power ryalls Directe mine acquitall of condemnacion, sa add old by are del Quen as well in both : weith your acceptacion will before 102

file: boef thou wate my will berein thus lighte! we ache: To more ing bim, 3 f In every pety courte of copy bolbe, und con santil and evous All grauntes that pade, pading in their moffe intighte tion t Palle to bolde at lozdes will, and to encolor and dis and in Der (quoth the flie) copp bolbers of olae, 334 9 13 th und 18 18 18 Doloe to them and theirs, at topil of the lopbe; a state a stolate as with cultome of the maner both acorde, when and the maner total afferent entrette felte moto

AND THE FLESH T

But this terme cultome: Annoth not bere tole Luktome (in many rales) femeth to me, To tenanntes a bubber, to losbes a bitole, from trespalling wherin if tenauntes le, (On their partes) cultomes kepte as thei Hauldo be, The will of the losbe molle wilfully bente, whithe nought togethe a bente, by rulioms extente,

were this windolve your maner in freholde.
Ind flies here your copie holders knowns riers.
And that I: being your tenannt, ye wolds
Lep in me, breche of cultome to apere.
Pet thoulde not your onely will be judge here,
for as thomage (by an their othe) prefent;
Do cultome bindthe the lapses wyll in judgement:

Flie: thinkfe than this cale a bukler to: the: This cale: to our cale (quoth the flie) being leands. Is nother two; be to you: no; bukler to me. with two; be and bukler tos mais goe of flands, Betwene bothe cales and touche neither hands. This cale: to lordes and tenauntes: is concurrant, But you are not my lorde, no; I your tenant.



THE SPIPER

The file claimeth all boles for all ininhames to be files in freholde: and that (pibets thoulde butloe by the lipbes of in the toppes: whiche cafe to be tribe by law or cultome, thet in manner agree: but the flee mounting it to be tribe at the comon law, the spider reduleth it : inhermon artieth mattier of digression, in which the flie commendeth the spider for expedite beringe. herof, brefely refinging the propertie of fullice, mercy, and the rannie.



AND THE FLES

I take not my felse apointed to pates,

as you will fet limittes and bowns fer of neve

But clerely I claime: all holes in all lates,

To be fire freholde, as maje right well apère,

where I distribed when I prescribed here,

pour aunciters buildinge: the sydes and the top.

As file at libertee, in and out might chop.

And as lawe and custome or the tone of them, Shall subge this pointe: wherin transith muche parte of all, No that will I trande: refusinge none of them. Standinge with your plesure this case to trande shall, Then quoth the spiver take custome: let lawe fall. Lawe can little saie herein. Lawe must erefar, The sudgement, to custome to make or mar.

For trew trying of cultome. Dir (quoth the flie),
The lawe (please it you) mais trie how sufforms weith,
what lawe flie ? the comon lawe by, thinke I,
where thall we trie flie: what that lawe herein seith?
In wellminster halle by. why flie by thy feith,
wolosse thou place this rate: wheron hangeth the sum,
where (thou saisse) I not no spider mais cum:

How fer arte thou from thequitee towards me,
That thou defyzelf in me towards the to growe
Thou woldle bring forth a thousands fille for the,
where no one spider: for me mate make shows.
And so by stelthe woldste win mine overthrows.
The laws is one grounds of fowe (quoth the fly,)
whiche your former graunts, graunth to trie all by.

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And though cultome (as who faie) in respecte
Df triall in this case: is it selfe lawe.
Pet (I saie) lawe, for foarme in pleding directe,
Aparence of that triall forthe to drawe,
Is mete to be had. I graunte thee that, dawe.
But not without this, that we both do agre,
Are pleding to be: where both present maie be,

It is meete (quoth the flie) and by you well wefoe.
(Urgente cause ercepte) where mattier shall procede,
Against any person: or persons leide,
A hat he or thei answere presently in dede.
And in greattest crymes, this hath greattest nede.
For in crymes most criminal: that lawe is peins
A he charged partie; shall no counsaile obtaine.

Whiche though that lawe: in most e nede, least helpe talom.
Wherto: if the partie be kepte in absence,
So that he: nor no man for him mais anow,
Any words in plea: pleaded for his defence,
This law is sumwhat sore, in my conscience.
Though faire tales in mine care, peinte this a scire cace,
Pet in mine Iie: this case hath a crabed face.

Sins ye benie me not lawe: but ye benie, To pleade this plea: where ye present maie not be. Of that denial: apeer th so good cause why, That I hall not only most e gladly agre, To have it pleaded where we both thall becre, But also I resoice: that your selfe espeeth, This gall in this case: and what ill therin lyeth.

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AND THE PLIE

One other fole (with many forowle) I have.

The cause where, commendth you unspecable.

Inteste tyme (in maner) then my selfe could crave,

After I am broughte here: in prison to lie,

It stanth with your plesure: most charitable,

To here, ye and determine out of hande.

How my case standth, and where my selfe thall stande.

Dh (maister spider (the selse dedes done in this, Commende you moze, then may pen of tungs of man, Thatachid of suspicion: as facts amis, adial adial

Shewer but the fpiper) faceur is not at tolle,
Shewer but the, for thou candle conflort it.
But many other flife therbe in the colle.
In having lyke favour: the divelt spee the whit,
Ther do ponder it: wherfore it is not fit,
when channes or deserte: first into prison frike.
To ble frowards and seribili flise: a lyke,

Justice (quoth the stie) weith what, and why to be. Not to whom to bo, by favoz, mede, oz frey. The man is not the marke: that instill shooteth to, The mans matter: Justice shooteth at alweie. Betwene god: and the binell: Justice both displey, Dis baner indisferently. Pelvinge ethe parte, In all dewe debatile, the very bew desarte.

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Mercy: toynbe with tultice both either remit D; qualific peines, that dewe by tultice lems. Atranic not with inflice, but against it: Not weiging deferte, awardth peines most extrems. Ayzanie, and mercy, thus maie we here dems Ayzany: not with but againste instice showth, Mercy with: and not against instice growth.

Justice place I here, in the middes as who late. Mercy on the right hande of instice to trande.

Airante on the lefte hande, now if we livete,
from the streight lyne of instice: to either hande,
That sweight nedes bringe our sweiging to be scande,
As we make apere to sweiz aparantly,
Either towards mercie, or towards tyrany.

But in leaning to any bande of these tivatue, from sole suffice: when we endine to decline, As comon welthe in this case mais be mainteine, from corrupte construction, this case to define, I wish that we: eche as our callinges asine, Maie leane to that hande with mete strength, or digor, Ahat mercy leanth buto: rather than ergor.



AND THE PLIE.

The flie (for cause here appering) bestreth to repete his distinction of iustice, mercie, a tiranie, which the spider benith wher with the flie leith to the spider, breche of a promes made to him before in discharge, where the spider answereth. C. 26.



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Abe

The spider hunge downe both his hed and his lyp.

Like one y had nought: or will nought: what to speke wher with thought the slie: I have genen him a nyp,

These diffirstions: have shewde his parte so weke,

That studings for matter: he findth none to breke.

What where he thought the spider in study depe,

We was deceived: the spider was a slepe.

And herwith sterting awake, by south quoth he.
I had forgot my leke. I herde my felse rout.
Asie fir (quoth the flie) ye had forgotten me,
The beste parte (for my parte) ye have septe quite out.
Asie not all flie: for I put the out of dout.
Of all thy wordes had: in my commendation,
I herde every worde: and can make relation.

But thine entre: to matter more ferious, Brought me a flepe: but I prey the hertelie, Whats the pointe of that case so imperious, The pith is the distinction: quoth the flie, Betwene instice, mercy, and tyranie. Whiche: sins you herde not: and it muche mete to here I shall repete to you in some brese and clere.

That wolde (quoth the lotder) make me depe againe.
And philike farbioth me to deape twife a date,
Repetition hereof I denie thee plaine.
Reason, lawe, custome, and conscience: ye safe,
Shal (quoth the flie) all our present matter wate.
But touching reason, lawe, custome, and conscience,
Two of those sowre principles: are gone even sens.

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AND THE FLIZ.

Mealon, and confrience as how flie quoth the file)
Mealon, and confrience as how flie quoth he:
as thus quoth the flie. Peretreted latelie,
And renolite a rate: which ye had graunted me,
Touching cumming here: against my will to be.
At whiche: when I grudged: ye made me promise,
To have in the lyke rate, lybertee lykewyle.

And nowe when I wolve (not renoke) but repete
This pece: for my parte, ye plainly that denie.
What realon or confeience is here to gete,
Bood realon: and good confeience: felow flie.
But lince realon is fufficient this to trie,
Let confeience (I faie) thate: till the latte instante.
Least narow confeience, relons were frope might frant.

And byon peruling: let reason threight subge, Low far fled from reason: thy selfe herm arte. My retreted case (wherat thou didle erite grudge) Is: of matter present: a principall parte. Betwene whiche: and thy case thou mails drive a carte. Diffinction of termes: in our maine matter mente, Is (at nerte) a very fer set incidente.

But though thou wilte late, thou can't viaw this thy cale.
To flande with (02 within) our grounds principall.
Pet is it neveles, to be brought here in place.
Diffinction of the se termes: and other all.
I knows: and can weie: as well as a flie shall,
This degression: in telling: loss tyme before,
And now in repeting: it wolde less tyme more.

Lengthe of time: is no lotte of tyme to the in dede.

Lengthe of time: is no lotte of tyme to the in dede.

Lengthe of tyme is thy geine: but I lese therbie.

Long tyme winth the long lyfe. And leseth my quicke speed which I shalle quiltly have: weare this quilty decrede,

Of this my frewtles walke: anothing the wate,

To wyn weie more frewtfull: this waie lets asale.

Arom pith of this proces (flie) where welled out, Thether retrete we: more loss of time to flee. This repetition whiche thou wolds bringe aboute, As winnig theref winth nought at lengthe to thee, So lesing theref leseth nought at lengthe by me, Sins repetition, the flie coulde not recover, We hoke his head, and so lete it passe over,



AND THE FLIE:

The sploer (reducing the Ky to the principal matter) mouth the triall to be had in his owne lopdethip: which the flie milliketh. wheron ensueth a glaunce at the dinersites of governmente, between one spyder and twelve flise.

Lap. 27.



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Tre while (by prescription) of old fiele thou lepte, all holes in lattes: to be other fliese and thine. In which prescription against bs: as thou sepok, acustomed right in windowes both define, and the top and sides: our building to assue, which I denide: sating our soresathers old, Prescribed sor bs, to bylo here: where we wold.

Olpon this issue thou theudit thy selfe content, That custome should (being pleaded in lawe) Judge how the case standeth by customes extent. Pleading wherof: to common lawe thou diost drawe. Pleading wherin: as thou saids: and I sawe, Should be in such place as I could not cum to: I denide triall there, and denie it I do.

Mhich deniall to be reason, thy selfe told, And here: from purpose principall: out fled we By thy digressing. But agains to take hold, And go foorth therm, now let be further see, (Sins the common lawe) is as bumsete for mes. As meete so, thee (to pleade custome herein) What other meete meane: so, be both, we may win.

What thinke you (quoth the flie) freend flie this thinke I, Sins I will not: and thou canst not, go hence, So that we both shall remaine here presently, A o here and answere in personall presence,
Lawe, in my lordship: must trie customes defence.
We there againe (quoth the flie) by my fay
we shall catch by des to morow; and flies to day.

AND THE PLIE:

will is now cum in againe: and must be cald law, 18y thy ground law for copy hold at will, It seemth: thou needs not care for my will a straw, as thomage presenteth (fatost thou) good or ill, 60 both the lords will, in sudgement saue or spill. So should the lordes will do sir, I therm ment, whith here goth the hare away: right to prevent.

I: being nother spider, not spiders peere,
not spiders tenaunt, not spiders freend (ye say)
I may have quick speede: and faile of good speede heere.
Though thomage shuld bprightly the vertite say,
and the lotd (in sudgement) with the right likewise way,
yet sum say, sumtime, that the saw is cended,
In sum case, in sum place: as solke are freended.

And I (quoth the spider) being nother site, No; to any site, of aliaunce or kin, No; taken any sites frende: why may not I In any pleading place: saue that we be in, Dought there (as thou dreds here) good speede to win. This case thall kepe our case; as the case now falles, Both from well muster hall; and all such law halles,

Thou being abzode, buzzing in every place, where thou half moze freenothip, oz les enmitee Then I have: thou mail in every place purchale freendes agains me: mo then I against thee. And when we in pleading, toind in issue bee, Thou mail finde freendspp, to impanel the quest, Of twelve such freendly flies, as seme soz thee best.

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THE SPIDER TOTAL

whiche kinde of triall (for my parte) I lyke nat.
while lernde countaile, rolling fine pleas firste deuise,
with roste and peine longe foldwae. And after that,
Twelve bulerned rude ignorant corrupte sife,
Shall strike the stroke, as blinde assertion doth rise.
Wy excellent wittes: lawe is ever begoon,
and by ignorant wittes: ende of lawe ofte woon.

Whiche to helpe, were I one of the procurers,
I wolde thinke it far better to breede by in broode,
Due wife trew judge: then twelve folith falle jurers,
It is (quoth the flie) as olde flife buderfloode,
Not more barde (for fpivers) to spie twelve flife good,
Then easy (for flife) to finde one spider noughte,
And now note we here: to what ende this is brought.

In place of twelve flife: were one spider platte,

To geve beroite and sudgement: of matters clere,

Pet might that change bying smal good spede: in great halle,

One wyly lernoe spider might harte as muche here,

As twelve balernoe blunte flife: by ought both apere,

And twelve good flife thulde (for all flife are not yll,)

Do more good then one yll spider: wey who will.

Betwene one good spyder : and twelne sil hile,
D; those twelve sisse good: and that one spider yil,
Apte comparison (quoth the spider) both not here ryle.
But that one: and those twelve: draw we here butill.
(To worke good or sil) of one good or sil wyll
And so then beste or worste, twelve or one: let be try,
Those beste sorte of two: to governe windowes by.

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AND THE PLANE

and the one spiders parte (in this parte) He take.

And the take parte with the twelve file (quoth the fly)

He ley first (quoth the spider your parte to spake,)

Kelons: Lette by a learned derke formerly.

for the rule of one ruler capitally.

whose arche articles here togither to wey,

In these nexte woordes here togither: I will ley.

Exampling the government of one most hie,

The puth the three persons: whiche three, are god one.

And further he bringth in (this teremplifie)

The ship, on one keele all partes sande: eurythone.

The bouse: standth boder one top rafter alone.

Those, boder one captaine. Bese boder one be.

The cranes one crane. the berde one shepherde saith he.

To this (quoth the flie) an other clerke antiverith. In this similitude of god and man. To man and man, as far wyde: as far fet: the matter barith. And lybertee (being gods great gifte to fran)

To take from all, no one by autozifee can. As who faie: any one mans autozifee, it made a proper and shall not or thuide not, lefe all mens lybertee.

further (he laith) one mannes indgement is subdetode,

To yil affectes, soner then many can be.

As one booket of water (in reson betwee)

May soner be possoned: we in reason se,

Then may a poole or a ponde, and more satth he,

Though one crane gyde all, where ener cranes range,

Pet: nowe this one: then that one: thei ofte times change,

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TREISPIDERINE

nobiche erlaumple partely outh your parte apall Soz it as muche maisa lenate lignify. Itt and a light As one : one tyme chofen , all times to rule all, And where all beete colsto one bee: buchangeably, : Pet is that bee : of a moze etelende. 1919 1910 10 91111911110 And of an other honoe then thother beele are air aladar As the Geperde about the berde : he dio beclare

This lafte fample moueth choice of one ruler in place, Df a more erelent ispute, then the refte be The laide lernde man (quoth the lopner) in this care, Repling to pour derkes refons, this faith be, firft where your clerke fatth: one wighten auctorite Lan not take all from libertee, this man feith. Tis not lebertee, to line as mans will weith,

Sout to live in thorntaine of good latole and flore aldton And the order of tatare (fatth be) all inthe, don to admining 2 Sum to ferue, fum to rule, as aptenes brainfe. The weake wit: Aronge of boop, to feruice enclinthe The witty lernbe head, reason towarde rule combinthe And a kyng calbe in freipture goodes anointed; : 312 360 39 Zath (of god) giftes about the relle apointed. to the llage

God promifeth to rule the hartes of kynges, whiche gifte thowth a hong about the reffe, and and a And where it is mozeharde (by your clarkes faignges) To corrupte many : then one, fo our clarke witneste, More easy to finde one good, then many thus felle, Thargument of thefe two, and our clerke anone to dans Chakte pour clerke with one reason tompe berbpone.

Thele

AND THE PLIST

Thele thre kyndes of comon welche, he tribe.

Of a kynge, of the peeres, and of comons lafte.

In whiche as there mate be: three good rulinges welce,

so mate be in thele thre, thre yil rulinges calle.

In rule of a kynge, tirante may blow blafte.

In peeres, blurping. In few comons governance,

all to be governours: mate them selves anaunce.

Now: whole contrary is world (latth be) that bells up) and well tyrane is worke of these thre, ergo, is a many and a kind or reigne of a kind is bells: manifelis.

This is the conclusion of our clarks: and so,

Thargument (in effects) enoth without words mo.

Which: for rule preferbs in a senate or prince, and and the for one or many rulers, both the parts convince.

Ap: (quoth the file) these olde clarkes clarkly safging,
The repeting theroflet be leve of quighte.
And fall we to reason: of weighty waiging,
Experience, berein sene in our owne sighte.
On whose spee these of these lyke cases run righte.
Beet (quoth the spider) but ere we enter that,
Here me clere a case: that might displease sumwhat.

In that we (in this cale) deals nere to compare,
A spider to a kyng: and flise to a senate,
Consectors that capcious or curious are,
(If cause shall: to them: our talke communicate)
May chaunce to consecto: that we two decogate,
Those two estates, in that we two do deutse,
To comple kynges and peeres, with spiders and slife.

But

THE SPIDIR

But witnes thou with me, as I well with the.

That for my parte I know: and for thine I trow,
we no whit means those states: Imbaled to be.
By our talke, as a kunge in properties to show.

Lyke a spider: or comparison to grow.

In sise and a senate. For properties of sise,
Moste rude of bs. Not so rude: that tenterprise.

Soy (quoth the flie) as you here for your felfe fale, So may you here assuredly for me sweare. This example meane I: to respect no wate, But only thorder of rule: that those states bears. And so resembling them and bs, I whyle eare, Entended, by wate of example, to treate. And do so (quoth the spider, an ende to beate.

Then (with your faner) have at it (quoth the flie.)

Palling from all former clarkely argument,

To our owne experience familierly.

For flife government, He thew good reason bente.

By sample of a senate. Standing in extente,

At this present date. From hundrethes of yeres pass,

To this date prospering, and so type to laste.

It felle being but a citee. Doth yet pollelle, ikyngbomes: fer from it: in civile oper fuche, as no kynge bath one realme in more quietnelle. Infe fusice goth torth there, who ever gruche. Their people obedient, few other so muche. This sample of senate: for flyle rewie I saie, againste one spyder, or one kynge here I saie.

AND THE FLIE

The molfe (quoth the spider) that this makth to, the, is a spide, that, that senate: rewith as well as a king.

To whiche one senate (for mo there none be)

Many kynges, in many realmes: have sole governing.

Che one of whose governance, all (or molfe,) proving.

In both kyndes of comon welthe: lince thet began,

as good as that one senate, scan who can scan.

One kynges rule as good: as one fenates rule is, Compareth herin (for rule) both our partes even. And many kynges rulyng fo, the number in this, Shouth thy five, to the worlfe those to be orever. And by one reafourmo, more weakenes is genen. Unto thy parte swhiche plainly that apere, In these my nexte wordes, now following here.

Although those senatours in sonory respectes,

Deme equal son gonernance in open those,

Pet in other sonory respectes profe otrectes,

Show: of one amonge all: above all to grow.

One hath of all, these place, and reverence we know,

In whose estate: state of the rest both most stande.

Daving bosic, as much as twaine: in his owne hands.

In many ond mode thinges. Preendience he hath, Moste lyke to kyngly superiorite.

Two partes of three: in senates gyding path.

Are drawne out of kyngly rule, in properte.

Without whiche: to governe well, it will not be.

Thus a senates rewie. wherin ye your brag brought,

Lackyng aide of a kynges rewie (ye se) doth nought,

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I coulde (quoth the fly) lay more but I will not.
This cale standth not in our cale principally,
This law: or that law: what law stande, it still not.
So the law and ministers: gene instice instely,
My ranse is so inste, that no inste lawe feare I,
Nor for enery faute in lawes: or lawiers gette,
To remove lawes or lawiers, I thinke not beste.

Corruption in lawes: or ministers of lawle,
I with be to redrest: rather then remeue,
Either lawes or lawyers: without weighty cause,
The case: boon light cause: if me shulve ofte preue,
where it shulve ease one: it myght twenty agrees.
Deuplers in suche thinges: may soner deusle,
To shew ten mischeues: then shape two remedise.

Thou failt well (faive the spiver) but to revolue,
Thimpediment in lawe of fonde fite Jurers,
I can no wate other wate resolue
But with them: and al petting procurers,
To be quite cut of. As lawles enurers,
Of vervites false or foolish: in this or that,
Sumtymes thei care not: most e times thei know not what,

And fure (I thinke) this fore might be falued fone.
De the fmarte muche eafte, did discretion devise,
And diligence put in bre: thinges meete to be done,
But to lordes: lawes lawiers homage and turile,
Corrupte frendship: thow leybit erite here in suche wife,
As it generally apereth to repine.

Against all courtes: as much as against mine,

AND THE FLIE

As muched ye and to muche more fir that ercepte, pour owne selfe, no wight in your courte I there touchte, pour courte of all officers is so clene swepte, That none officer in that courte can be couchte, what your selfe. For your selfe hath your selfe anouchts, Wlaintif, pleader, surer, Judge, and tailer. Stop sly (what) from a reasoner to a railer?

I cry pou mercy. Dir if this do vilpleale,
I reverle and revoke it Kreight. for I have:
As small apetight, as I thall have small ease,
To move you. Well since than sozgevenes doff crave,
Stande op sty. I sozgeve even as god sozgave.
And bow our saide case (by custome) thalbe tribe,
Let be yet once againe serche how to provide.

Loncerning that provision by (quoth the fly)
Ilwe here (in this your present courte) did make,
A grement: to try this determinately.
Though I hope (as I hope) I thoulde no wronge take,
Pet humbly I belethe you: for my mindes take.
Adus my hartles harte against this triall swels,
Logrannte to trie this case sum way, sum where els.



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Mahei agree to be tride by arbitermente, whether all or how many holes in all windowes belonge to interes, and how many to flies, the spider chosing sor his parte, the ant or pilmere, the fly choolinge sor his lide, the butters whereppan their thone couple in one parte, and thother couple in an other part, talke togither sorthwith.

Lap. 23.



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AND THE FLIE

Din (quoth the spider) by this crosse of ten bonse,
There liveth not thy lyke (for a flie) I trow,
for tunge wit: thou arte the fly for the nonse,
whit yo to: let be towarde ende sum wey grow.
I houde my minde laste: wherfore thy minde now show,
what waie (as thou thinkse) we may yet best purvey,
To knit by this knot, without furder deley.

The beste wate in my minde when all waise are case, Is that one (quoth the flie) that I touched twple. To have bene our triall, in all cases passe. whiche was: to put the whole in comprimise. flie: this laste one case: to be tride in that wyle. I grannte thee. I thanke you (quoth the fly) praising. That we make name our daisemen in this baiping.

I name (quoth the spider) a cosin of mine. Werre pilmere. called antony ante otherwise. Of person small, of wit great by ight and spine. And I (quoth the flie) what ever hap shall rise, My graund syze Bartismew butters bewise. I body big: of wit and speche blunt, and plaine. Well (quoth the spider) agre we on these twaine.

Thei did so cand southwith there lighted by channes, Darde by the copwebs side, the buttersly. Wherwith one of the yonge spivers did anaunce, At those spivers commaunament, in haste to by, for the ant to repetre to him by and by. Spede cam so to passe, that at those spivers hande, The yonge spiver out of hande, brought thante to stande.

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The spider to the ant, and flie to butterfly (after woozdes of gretinge) declare, that thei are chosen their arbiters herein, suberin the ant and butterfly promise to bo their beste, and their then anone draw al sowre together in(or at) the copweb. C. 29.



AND THE FLIE

The ant to the spider made curtive low.

no her with all the spider to the ant did draw,

smiling and becking on him, in most e louing thow.

The shoke handes: manerly as ever I saw.

But so, site, as Stans puer ad mensam shows law,

for making of curtive: or shaking of bandes,

Butterside pardon slife. bounde bashe and soote in bandes,

The spider: as of ble in talke new entriv,
(frendes are of frendes: the Rate of their frendes frendly.)
Arte how his colins (thant? father and mother) did.
Dis brothers likers with all kyn and a ly.
Thant sato their did well. And in lyke wordes barty,
Arte him boto his aunte spider and all theirs farde.
The spider with thankes to thant, their helthes declarde,

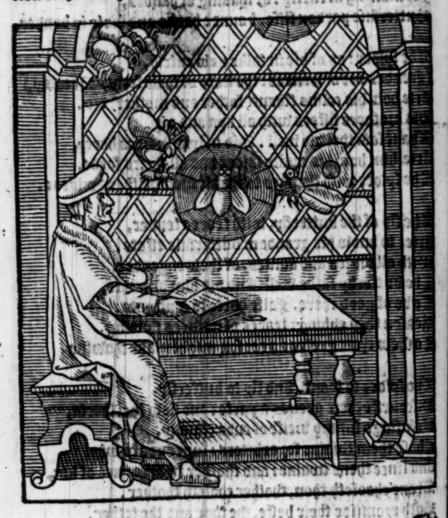
The fly of the butterfly, with teares tender, Arte: to know his grandam butterflife effate. With all buckes and auntes, of their engender. The butterfly faide well. And did him animate, To be of good there. Faile harte to captinate. Reason then ebbing: teares of natures flowing, To their their grefes as reason might make thowing,

The spider to thant. And sty to buttersty, Wiscourst their greues a parte: and how theis spering. Refusinge sunday weise of ende: finally, Choice them twaine son arbiters: sum ende to win. And since thone twaine: and thother twaine: are of kin, Thone chooleth thon, thother choseth thother. Both promise their beste, the tone and the tother.

THE SPIDIR

The spider declareth, and the fliegraunteth this to be, that all flies claime (in freholds) all holes in all windowes to be theirs by suffame: and spiders claims all holes with all partes of all windowes to be their freholds by suffam: and after talks between them therin had, thant requireth ful instruction of the two parties to them two arbiters.

Cap. 30.



AND THE FLIE.

The spiner and the chanking the other both,
The source therepon making to gither all,
The spiner: directly to the matter goth.
Colin ant: and selow butertly: ye shall,
almortance: that we twaine no you twaine noto call,
not to wey all cases in which we contende,
But one. on whiche one, all some to bepende.

The fly claimth by comon cultone beyonde minde, all holes in all lates: flies freholde to be.

In fpipers (faith he) by cultome are alinde.

To bilde at fibes of in top: where markeye,

I fay that cultonic awardibe all windowes fre,

At spicers willes without that: that any fille.

Baue my fuch right, by cultonies warantile.

That this is our issue, we be both agree.
And open this issue, we be both agreede,
That you two; by arbiterment shall verre,
what custome bath herein: directely verreede.
Is it thus sie (quoth thant) yea (quoth the fly) in beede.
As conscience in you twaine: for hs, twaine shall try,
Dow tustome both stande, so (for my parte) stande I.

Thou semile (quoth the spiver) a costerve monger.

Lonscience every handwhile than doste cry.

I muste (quoth the sie) se sum taken stronger.

Ere I ran suppose you of that missery.

I call not so; conscience more comonly.

Then you speake of it seede, site I tolde the erste.

Lause why: that conscience at laste ende thuse be perste.

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That?

Abatinow (quoth the fly) if thele two now take ende, As I hope thei chall, but here me thinkth I smell, And your cast is; conscience thus to suspende, firste till thende. And then at thende faire and well, Aut conscience of: conscience so to expell, As when all is done, conscience may sausely saie, And swere: that conscience cam not here this date.

Then conscience of 3: the tone thalbe fortwome.

Reason, law, custome, and conscience, these source.

To be our growndes intriall: Is sware before.

Then (quoth the fly) in laste ende: of this laste bource.

Let conscience rum in: to save that oth of yource.

What thinge can conscience do here sty sais thou?

Three thinges sir (saide the fly) whiche I will tell you.

Atthe conscience as even balance may evenly wee, what custome yeloth to spivers, and what to flile. Deconde, conscience may wey: what reason can ley, what good and what pll, custome both exercise; In either parte. Thirdly conscience may beutle. To alow the good: and disalow the ill.

Wheren: these two may awarde: as conscience will.

Thefe two fly (as my meaning was to take them,)
we chose vailemen: to try this by reason clere.
But, (not arbiters,) chauncelers thou vost make them.
By conscience to indge, how much custome both here.
And what good or ill, in custome both apere.
Laste case of whiche twaine (by thee crastely couchte,)
In this we to ine on: is no whit touchte.

AND THE PLIE

The pointe that we pitche on: to try out the lath,
the reason (not scrupulous conscience,) is this.
Out what cultome is, but what custome both.
Those good of how it: custome it selfe is,
Is an other sarder case. (which sty, I wis,
when we shall try (by conscience with reason)
It well bringe small brag for thy side to season.

for fine: colin ant, and good man butterfly, what entreffe rustome both gene to him and me, bow muche or how little: in whichwise low or hy, as you by reason agre, so A agre.

To this arte the butterfly (fly) what say ye?

Since: who may not as he will, muste as he may,
I say (saide the fly) as matter spider both say.

There laids thou wylely (laide the spider) and note.
Thou halte by that latying no damage lustaine.
If reason win thee this case enery tote,
Lonscience (by reason) must me treighte constraine,
Tobey reasons awarde, at handes of these twaine.
And pas thei with me, I promise mine assente,
To ble the gaine, as conscience yeloth extente.

So faide and so done (quoth the butterfly) in feith, (Son fly) this is of mailler spider well waide. Peasy (quoth the fly) I here well what he seith, God rewards his maillership: it is well saide. Pleaseth you (quoth thant eutdence may be laide. By your selves of other: whereby we twaine male, Perceive (in reason) where custome doth wase.

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Pe (quoth the fploer) rolin cum we hither.
Thei as far as thei lift: withorew them felues quight.
The butterfly and fly: prawing togither,
As far, not as thei lifte, as far as thei might,
Thei two telling their tales, as I thall relight.
Whiche two tales though I: as in one time his here,
pet first thone: and then thother: must bece apere.

Though two eares in one instant two tales here may,
One tunge: in one instant: two tales can not tell,
Since those of these two tales: must stands here in stay,
Till thother be tolde, I thinke it will be well,
The flise and the butterflise talke to expell,
Or suspends, tyll the spiders talke with the ant,
We may buderstands: whiche is nerte aparant.



AND THE PLIE.

Theilin couples leperate againe declare sche how he wolde have his arbiter handle his parte : and firste is here tolde in Their persons the tale of the spiner to the ant. Lap. 31.



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TRE SPIDER

Dim ant (quoth the spider) that ye be wyle,

It is to me knowne. Where all solke do know
That onto the wile, sew woldes at full soffile.
And to your wisdome: I doubte not your show
Of friendship, naturally to me to grow.
For ye know: as we differ far in stature,
So we in kinred: loine nie by nature.

President wherin sought, what olde recordes carp,
Shall them no recorde of solemne solemnitee,
That ener spider and ant: did yet mary,
whiche growth (I saie) of kinred. not of emplice
Did I (in you) by ingrate endemnitee
Doute here: wisdomes sudgement: or natures kynones,
I were a beaffe: of beetill beded blindenes.

Whiche two: in their workinges: to gene or take righte, Nature workth friendely, wildom workth furely.

Though right in ethe taule: leme the posts of most mighte, Pet wante of wisdom (whose polycy purely)

In sentence or semblance: sterne or demurely
Shulde set forth that righte, mighte in conclusion quicke,
Thwighte that myll posts of righte: to a poding pricke.

As if Crossum caput, tyke an alle in a cale.
Setting loth a right, homly in rewde termes bare.
A witty lernoe head: that righte in that place,
Did finely pronounce: those two tales shulde verlare,
Forty pence distrence, in righte to compare.
One tale in two tellers: with one entente toloe,
May dister in thow: as doth brasse and fine goide.

And

AND THE FLIE.

And wildomes lure driftes had: if natures friendship lacke, To take, here, and tell, that tale: in friendly wyle, That righte with that wildome: may yet runne to wracke Thus: wildome to worke lurely: by politice And nature: to worke friendely: both music arise, To toine in one: in friendes by friendes required,

whiche policy and friendthip: where thei are knit,
Against partile: to try thinges in Arise growing
Thei call craste: and corruption enery whit.
But policy and friendship: with partile showing.
Those partile praise both: with open mouth blowing.
Both standing against folkes: falkes bally accuse them.
Both standing with solkes, solkes bourely ble them.

But to thow our cale: out of acculation.
In putting policy and friendthip: in bre,
Marke this thorte circumstance: in appobacion.
Lomprimise, the ende of causes to alure,
Two lortes of election: in course both procure.
In choice of the choice partise: (here meane 3.)
To arbitrate all debates indifferently.

One is: that the tivo partile in Arife mened Do choole arbyters: to them both indiffrent. Thother is: that either party greued, Doth chole for him felle: fuch as he knowth bente, To take ende: or leane ende, as he will affente. The firste maje of both (though it the belle maje be) It can not be had: betwene the sty and me,

In this cale pretent, among thivers and fife we all: can no one indifferent proute.
Alimitee, or affection, both to beutle,
That all be partife: on thone or thother five .
but might (and Hulve) this cale this firthe wee be tilbe,
Then might be bonefily: leane partially
To neither live, by frintiship nor policy.

Dowbeit this other case, bringth this other cause. The site, for him selfe. And my selfe, for me. This choise have chosen: so that this thus brawle A nother my selfe: I choose you here to be. whereby: in all frendly polisy (yese,) De honestie to sticke to my five inste, Not only ye mate, but also ye muste.

And (as I faive) I boubte not but ye woll,
And pray ye bo. But promyle formerly,
Of knowne rewards at ends, to nee the yil
Of suspecte bribay: though I presently,
Rate not rewards: yet if beceatter I;
May you requite: in pleasure one or other,
Then thinks your selfe, as nie it as an other.

Dy laid the ant: pour rates rewide rewards, Now: 02 at ends: if I berein apeals you, Is not the thing: that I fo muche regards, But at the ends as ye is how I sale you, I say no more: but wis me as it please you. Losin: well saids (laids then the tower) and tith This points is palle, palle we now to the pith.

AND THE PLPS

all boles in all windowes (as the fly feith,) greaple fregoloe . And that we fowers boine, Might nought by righte, but libes and toppes on beith. and we (fay 3) bolde all, thus to be totoe. Boles, libes, and toppes, brobe, narow, depe, and fholbe. Tipon whiche iffue: pou two mufe first bere, and after judge whiche live bringth profe moffe clere.

mberin fo; me, of auncient parentage, We thall here fpiners fpeake : bothe fage and wife. and on the flies behalfe : here now in gage, There woll com footh a forte of forhte taile flife That will not fricke to tell, a bundged thowfande life. and fate : and fivere that thei fay true : howbeste, Be well (I boute not) truffe them as is meete.

and whan ye berein : have bone tohat ye mafe To make our eufbence fine clere in foto. and darkened theirs, your wildome thall fure wey, The grofe rube butterfly : to ende to grow, what wate pe well . And thus for hie and low. After wordes great and many: where few mighte feme fit, Into pour banbes, this matter I commit.

Uncle (quoth the ant) I perceine your minoe, At full, and thalf at full: bo all my belle. wherin to be you good : if 3 can noughte finde, Pet fall pe (for me) fambe parmeles at leffe. Out this conclusion thefe timaine of refte. and now: between the fly and the butterfly, what wate was bab : enfueth enfuingly . 6300

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The tale of the fly to the butterfly how be thall ble the figte parte: whiche done the arbiters withdra we them felues to warte the top of the windo we.



AND THE FLIE

Dob graundfather: lince we time (lathe the fly)
Due neth and blood: by natures wootkyng are,
In that I: from you: belende linialty
as in begrees four petigrees beclare,
and that nature: naturally takth care.
To lee lucielle: of her lucieded burdes,
I well not length this peece: with peinted wurdes.

But natures seale I fet: to interlette Lo you, for me, without mor woordes of me, Lo do your beste: in this my depe distrette: wherin: what waie to woorke: as I beste se; That shall I show. But ere we so far be, here me disclose (for our purposed cause,) A necessary brefe conceined clause.

we here and fee: giftes of nature are viners.

Sum be faire, fum tall, fum have firength, fum wit.

Sum: in science: excellent contrivers.

Sum have small wit, and have much truth with it.

with many mo: then now: to move were sit.

And this move I: to move here onely now,

Difference in giftes: between the ant and yow.

The ant hath gifte of right good wit (no boute.)
And therto (for an ant) lernoe errellently.
And you have gifte: of pleines sterne and stoute.
Out being genen so much ingeniously:
To lerned subgement: and yet this know I so wighte can prove: from hence to Anglandes cende,
That ever ye brake promise with your freende.

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But that ye inalde (and durife performe the fame.
And this: to this: in you righte well is knowne.
A grounde once in your head, failned in frame,
Let lerned lawiers pype by trumpets blowne
Of rules in lawe: to rule you as their owne.
Pet thall their reasons no whit make ye farte,
from that grownde on your (0; on your friendes) parte.

Whiche properties: is warth ten thowlands marke.
In you to me, in cale of comprimile,
for whiche: againste the aut that counting clarks,
Mine arbiter: I did you here decide.
To holde your holde: in blunte assured wife.
Either this matter wholly to recover,
D: save (at leasts) my side from gening over,

The ant is there and fine. As ye are blunte and grafe.
The ant hath circumspection: ye have name.
Pou pacstaffe plaine: the ant crafty and close.
The ant sciule, you sturby as the stone.
This saide brefe blunte and there comparisone:
Shall show who shouth most e brag to stinte this strike.
The blunte whetting whetsome, or sharpe whetter knile.

To this the butterais laide: fly son mine.
The grolle blunte whetting whethone: feare thou not.
To matche this whetted pen knife: tharpe and fine,
Tell thou to me plainly: what is the knot.
That I thall knit or buknit in this plot.
And thant thall with a tabor take a wat,
as sone as make me thinke from thee: in that.

AND THE PETE

Dir (faide the fly) our titue to hicke ve berve To repe remembrance, here pet once agains.

I faie all holes in windowes, are referde,

In tenure of freholde, to be tapertains.

All spiders: in fides and in toppes to remains.

Whiche he benith: afterning thei and he,

Polde all partes in all windowes: in tenure fre.

In whiche two fives, you two the truthe muste trie.

And then betermine, as reason can verte.

Ilpon whiche spoe: this thall by cultome lie.

wherin ye thall have fires: to speake for me

Sage, will, lernoe, and well spoken as can be.

And so, the spivers parte, it is no voute,

Of spivers there will be: a spitefull route.

The knot herein: whiche I walve have you knit, Is this. Lither to me good, or to none yil.

If: in this matter ye can win no whit,

Then lefe righte nought: but let it Cande even Cyll.

As it erfle flode. And if thanke no way wyll.

Geve any place, cum bathen in your eare.

Wherin he whilpsed woordes, what I will neare.

wherat the spiver caste spe, to them both.
Wherwith: the buttersy from the sty slieth,
And the ant from the spiver away goth.
Ethe one of whom (anone) the other espieth,
And ethe of both to other hastely bieth.
The spiver: Areighte into his house Repte Coutely,
The sty: fell on kneeze to his booke demoutely.

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Thant and the butterfly, together brew.

To thertreme parte of the window: on the top lyde.

And after faluting in their maner dew,

Both Audigng: how thentree thulde be first explice.

Thei both: rating their eies aboute elpide.

On thone live: spiders apporhing: fire of leven.

And on thother live, fills ten of a leven.

Neither loste the other: onghte faluted thei, But bothe lostes to tharbiters: made curtiy low. The ante praide both partes in their aproche to ffele, Tyll the butterky and be (in talke) mighte know, And agre: what waie of proteding thoulde grow. With this thei all, Repped backe and there faide.



AND THE TLIE.

The ant and the butterflie being met in the top of the winbow, certaine ipiders on their one lide, and certaine flies on their other lide, whom tharbiters cause to stande backe while thei two talke together. Cap. 33.



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Befoze we furber wave mailler butterflie,
ho mailler fir: I am but a peman (quoth he).
That no matter (faine thante) as the case both lie,
but; gentilman or peman: what ever pe be.
Since we two come hither: these two to agre,
Let us be agrede: on the nerte and beste wate,
To bringe them agrede, in matter here to sale.

Dur male wherin (as thinketh me) is this. we both muste banth all parcialitee,
That by corrupte affection, engended is.
By affinitee, or confanguinitee,
So that we clerely cleve buto equites.
As of these two: neither of either shall,
Prove bs: or either of bs: bnequall.

May (by my fathers lowle) faibe the butterfly,
I will play no whit of venum mecum his parte,
Doloe with the hare and run with the hounde: will not I,
buth realons: as out of this blunte beame mate flarte,
for my frende, run thei right: run thei overtharte,
Dut will I power them: and in gods name,
for your friende, as ye fee caule, bo you the fame.

Thele two tales (in thele two persons) sembe here tolde, In thous of plainnes: in thother of policy.
The buttehtly spake his thoughts as he muche incide.)
Thant contrary talked difficultately.
Dis moving the buttersty tendificency,
(2) im selfe thowing a thoto to be indifferent,
Esmae moved, so, this crasty coverte entent.

AND THE FLIE:

The antes butte was: the butterflie to butte, from affectionate Randing: on the flies lybe, and flerently to Rande. while him felle contrine, To be partiall with the faither. which aplice, flight (thought the ant) to the butterflie buffice. Draw him to withdraw: fum parte of affection, fore bent in his brefle, for the flies protection.

But when the butterfile: lyke a little nekte cur, (As ye have herbe) made antwere but the ant, so that this wate walde not: the butterfile flur, Thant (on this plaine longe having thitle of descant,) Areb the butterfile: cum we this instant? To helpe the spider and file to take ende, ye sir (saide the butterfile:) that I entende.

Pou, reasoning so; you; srende: and I so; my freende, Thom our enbance: to this issue leide, If my reasons sems better then yours at cende, Pou: alowing them aboue your owne, here weide, D; your the better reasons: in my head steide. I alowing them lykewise: aboue mine owne, Meason may set ende, and time show ende, wel growne.

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Elport

The spiders and flies on both sides: to call ners.
Both being agrede: that the ant spoulde propone,
The spiders: now standing on the righte hande to here,
The sties: on the leaste side, as nie did apere.
Both ant and buttersie (erhe in a chaire set)
To declare the case, the ant his tunge hath whet.



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AND THE FLIE

Thant beclaringe the cause of that metinge, the spibers and thes acknowlageing the same, and that thei come to gene enternce, the flies are apointed to beparte while the spibers firste shew, what thei can saie for their parte.

Cap. 34.



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Tking

Interest in this terrible trembling tragedy, we twenthe spiner: and sie: in copweb knit. We know: the mischannee mischanneed lately, and how those channees channeed to channee. whereby, The spiders paleste is depely perished, and the sies person deadly perished,

Alfo(I suppose) ye know that we twaine,
I so; the spiver: and he so; the site,
Are chosen arbiters. Onche enve tobteine:
As ensured thall show: both sides to trie.
Whiche to showe (I veme) ye apere presently.
Saive one spiver firste: and then one sie: all shis,
we know, and to gene ensbence: our cumming is.

This knowne (quoth thant) bouting whether ye know. Down far our auctoritee Aretcheth here.

To meddle in this matter, here me thow.

Homber and weighte of Artles cloudy and clere,

Betwene these twaine: many and great apers.

Of all whiche: auctoritee have we none,

To touche in this talke, save only this one.

The flie claimeth all holes in all windowle, To pas and repas: to be free for flies all. Alegeing that spiders (by all olde showle.) In toppes and fides: have place especials. The spider claims the whole: in generals. To hering wheres, we our awarde wolde knit, what parte: ethe parte shall have: from all to nowhit.

AND THE PLIES

Dir (faive the spider and die) that erfie had seide, This know we, and have purveive evidence : As clere for exhe parte, as eshe parte can se weide. Then (quoth the ant) for our intelligence, will be friende butterfilie: that the dies go hence ! Whyle we here the spiders speake: ye (quoth he) Losins dies: Kande backs till ye called be.

The nies frepte backe: the spiders forwards brew. Standing before those two: in their cheires set Declaracion: to whom: what thei herein knew, was denilde: and determinde. Gre thei there met. wherein: so; entre to let lenger let,
The butternie: Areight entring as here ensenth.
Thant pronoketh the spiders to speake the treuth.



After

After a few inordes between the ant a butterflie, one spider as mought be for all, declareth to those two tharbiters all end dence that all spiders for their parte can deutle: and that bone, the spiders are commanded awate, and the flies broken to a proche.

Cap. 35.



Maifters

AND THE FLIE

Maisters (or lordes) spiders: what thall I call pe?
In thing here now to talke: harke wel this one thing:
At my blunte behavour, barke ps or ball pe.
If pe bringe in southery: or booke larning,
To blynde mine eies with: I gene you plaine warning,
Tom troth will not be wownde that waie. And therep,
the warnde: to talke trewly and homlify.

Thei wyll do so (quoth the ant) I dare saie Lo will the sies than (quoth thother) I dare sweare. Then (quoth thant) without more delated delate, what ye spiders can speake, speake while we gene care. With this, one spider (as all agrede weare,) Landing formoste, and as a bolte byrighte, Loberty saide, with curtly lowe as he mighte.

May it (maisters) lyke you: a spider am I, Defuche yeres, as no living flies yeres may, Witnes (by remembrance) my full age for why? I tooke lyfe in this worlde, (olde spiders wolde say) Inste in the leape yere: before the yll mate day. My parentes (as I am) weare blacke nebde and balde. The longe lyned stocke: of spiders thei were calde.

By parte: of my whiche parentes, this I gather, In their tymes, worthipfull spiders (though I sep it,) My father: graundfather: and great graundfather: Wolde saie: as thei harde elder spiders wei it, That every window: hunge it, stods it, or ley it, All partes of the same: in lowest and hiest, Were spiders freholde, both fardest and nics.

THE SPIDER WA

And ever have bene (laive thei) at will to beelve, In parte: of in all: and that thei coulde not know: That ever flie (of right) any parte there beelve. Thele few woodnes of lovelathers lyivers: make thow, In all partes: of all windowes: the right to grow, On our parte. The contrary wheref to wate, No fpiper: bath heroe any lyiver: oughte laie.

Day all ye spiders thus (quoth thant?) ye (quoth they.)

Zhave ye berde (quoth the butterdie) any wighte

Say ought berein: saving spiders ? quoth they, ney.

Dave ye (quoth thant) ought els in this to recigible?

ye (quoth one spider) flanding behinde all quighte.

I have a counter verse to singe: in this place

Whiche shalbe countred, with the files face to face.

Pe thall (quoth the butterflie) linge that berre mone.

But we must bere the flies indifferently.

As we have berbe you. It il whiche tyme, be ye gone.

Thei stepping backe: the flies forthwith loberly,

Stode in their place. Tharbiters glaunlingly,

Gre the flies ought laide, in their repairing nere,

Pad betwene them selves: these woord, which ye that here



AND THE TLIE HT

Cupon a thorte talke between the arbiters, one file: spokes the for all flies, bischofeth all enthence for their parts: wher with theflies at commandements beparts alive. Lap. 36.



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I De spiders tale (o thant) semth a choking thoke plum Against slies. See ye (quoth the butterslie) gruthe, Against any parte, and um altum paltum. This terms fet far from the laten: and mo suche, Lernoe in the scools of ignorance, he spake muche: And buderstoods littell. But this being state, and auncient slie stoods foorth, and thus to them saide.

My mailters arbiters I am a fly, Dfluche age, as lpiders few or none male botte. My fathers hande writing (for witnes) have I, That I was bred, in the yere of the great froste, Betore the great fweat. When many flies were croste, Dut of the booke of lyte. Who by extreme colde, were frolen to death: midaged, yonge, and olde.

In all whiche daies: to this daie, I have herde dies late: All holes in all windowes, where thei frode of france. Dane bene (and be) flies freholde: as their high wats, To pas and repas. And that the lutders bande, Dioners of the lydes and toppes onely: are leande. where, I not no flie (I dare berify), Ever herde any flie, lay contrary.

Alies (quoth the butterflie) take pe this tale trein?
Pe (quoth thei. know ye ought (quoth thant) but by flife?
Any (quoth thei.) Hoozth (quoth the butterflie) pursew.
Lan you (oz any of you) ought els deuile:
wherby furder light in your right, mais arise?
Pe sir: saide one flie: then standing all behinde,
Lo the spiders teethes: anone, yle tell my minde.

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AND THE PLIES

That thall ye do (quoth thant) but friende butter life, worll ye firste require them to withdraw alide ?
whyle you and I: sum parte of this paste male trie.
Hence (quoth the buttersite) wherwith them their wide.
Their twaine then onely there, them selues their aplice.
Eche one with other: togisher to consolut,
uphat frewt: out of this erst saide, their braines could bewif.

Ere either of other: did herein ought breake, Thant devilve, what wate belte to enter it. The butterflie studied not what woordes to speake, But to speake with voice clere, he coughte and he spit s Till his voice was much more clere then his wit. And yet fer from witles: but plaine blunte grolenes, Showde his woordes: ofte symes to show witles lasenes.



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The arbiters (in debating theusdence on both partes genen) can not otherwise agree, but that the same weith even as muche for the tone parte as for the tother, at ende wheref their call agains all the same sorte.

Cap. 37.



AND THE FLIE

Say (lathe thant) your opinion byrightly:
Subhat weith this evidence on both lides thinke you?
To try whiche lide thouth belte (quoth the butterflie,)
Thele woozdes as muche matter: for file bo alow,
as for leiders, to be thei (quoth thant) audw,
as muche matter in woozdes to alow, in lykewile,
In spiders for spiders, as in file for file.

And more (for those halfe: welny that spiders claime.

The file do graunte. But spiders graunte but file,
No parte of theirs, whiche is to the file a maime.

The flies owne tale: sides: and toppes of windowes trise:

To be the spiders, by customs warantise.

Whether the spiders tale for the file parte waide,
weith no heare breede in windowes sor the flies aide.

Spivers (quoth the butterflie) thew them selves here, More sixing to their side: then slies to their are. As slies indiffrantly make custome to apere, Sides: and toppes of windowes: for spiders thare, And that slies (by custome) the holes: theirs do clare to thouse spiders: endiffrantly consither, To leie (as slies do) both customs togither.

Spiders (quoth thant) take those customes for bulke. Theirs to grow of righte, flies: of burpacion.

If (quoth the butterflie) the flies do here pike:
That quarell to spiders, in customes blacton.
That is tit for tat, in this altricacion.
So that for any thinge: any parte can get,
Both partes in all thinges yet, on even hande are set.

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But to trie: how good or how ill: cultom is, Is no parte of our charge. ye know we must tri: Zow muche or how little: custom both in this. Perferring or bebarring: cleime of ethe parti wherin, for all laive here yet againe say I flies lete (where reason and equalnesse be givers,) as much for sies, as spiders lete for spiders.

well (quoth thant) as we both hearde both partes aparts, so now let us both: both partes together here.
Dow we both: betwene both part?: can the hare farte,
Both agreede that all on both part? thoulde apers.
Thei viv to. And all on both fives fetled nere,
The ant declaring the pith: of all yet wroughte,
Entre to matter more, thant induction broughts.



Thank

AND THE PLIE

Thant theinth to them all, that thembence welch to one effecte on both libes, so that all resteth now byon knowlage whiche parte to credite most: and byon that mocion, one sploter and one slie fall in argument to trie the same: wherin is touchte (partly) the properties of credence, woorship, and honestie: thei agreeing that credence stands byon honestie, as thus, as enery spider or file is honest, so is he credible. Which talke ended, thei are all againe sequestred.

Lap. 38.



friendes

Likiendes all: ye all erite attembled in partes thatne, 18 efore us twaine bere for both partes have veclarue: 18 y the mointhes of twaine, two tales: which two contains, 20 ne effecte. For the matter felfe in regards, 28 this. what one spider for all spiders latth, 29 felfe same sentence, one site: for all sites saith.

As thus: that spider saide all spiders have laide, All holes in all windowes: to be spiders freholds. Whiche selfe saigng: that saide sie (so, all slies) saide, In sew woozdes at full then, theffecte to buside, Both partes present, to this tale is to be tolde, Soum mattier to trie: what apparence mate rise, whiche parte we shall credite moste, spiders or sise.

with this, a well spoken spider stepte in place. Saiying: if comparison in credence growe, Then muste ye with be spiders rule this cace, Spiders have bene and be worthsplus ye knowe. And sies honeste (quoth a witty flie) I trowe? And of credence: the propertie or mateliee, Stanth not more by worthip: then by honestee,

Mor lo muche nother: as all kyndes offices thinke, No: no colour of cause of credence: can stande, where as woorship with honestie: both not linke, And honestie without worthip (skilfully skande.) Maie have: and muste have: credence at every hande. If ye spiders woorshippes: for credence do here ley, Alics honesties: chall spiders woorshippes outwey

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AND THESELIE'S ART

Meare this gate couchte cate (quoth the sploer) graunted, More crevence for flies; then for spidets might be gette, which houth you to beme: as you it anamated, That no spider; but all flies, are honelle.

And all spiders worthspiuli: wheren he expresse that a crevence; in flies bouchtes: to grow, Much more, then in spiders worthines: there may howe.

Crevence, honestie, and worthip, thus take I.

Crevence in this woards truste: plainly terms we mais

Bonestie, bertue morally and civily.

Bonour: is also reperence: as vie both to ais.

Bonour and worthin; both one in the take two,

Saue: honour is reverence, in the higher begre.

how note: that the full cause of creature of trust, depring the and spreadly out as borrers of honestee.

And honour, of woodhip, is usinly viscust, who is not benefit, woodhipfull: he can not bee.

Ho: woodhip: and honestie: thone and thother,

The tone of the twaine, depend to on the tother.

What (quoth the flie) meaneth this circumquaquie,
This (quoth the spider) where yo (in your talle saiving,)
Deperate in sunder 1 woodship and honestie,
Woodship: to spiders, and honestie: to slies saiving.
Ilies credence above spiders, tanaunce in waiting.
Woodship: and honestie: I soine so that here,
Woodship said honestie: I soine so that here,

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THE SPIDERINT QUA

Bonell spiders are woordipfuld (anoth the file daid? areas 189 hanes ie. And crevible to no nate and call and areas 2008 But where spiders banesie stangeth awate, or anoth children 1900; this and crevence, stange awate to I safe and areas 200 (anoth the spider) be banestic awate, had areas in a sure. The sies credit a sanoth a crooke even as tar, daring anoth a stank as the spiders. But let he touche this calenar.

Braunt: hers a spider of honeste no whit, Ao whom : admit white of great honestee. The spider (not the flie) to aurtoritee knist. Is not that spider: inductorised vegree, More woorshipfull and credible taken to bee, Then that insering flie: squath the flie no!

Trebence. honor. woorthip, or reverence, To bertue or honelie, ye first anought one. Laste, auctorites ye brings in allistence. Thunhonest auctorised, therby tensue, In woorthip and crebence. Pe (quoth he that frue. And in touching that first of these two cales, I forgat this laste, but both must have their places.

As honor, or woorthip, and crevence to bepend,
Ulpon all that are honest: by honestee,
So woorthip and crevence: in type case to bend,
On all in auctoritee, by auctoritee.
Anie (quoth the site) (quoth the spiver) friends tell mes,
Is not auctoritee, to be toorthippid?
Fes maister (quoth the site) or els god forbio.

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all auctoriter: not against the great god, and and and an antipers before his plate: as potentates:

In them and their substitutes, that god hath bod:

To be two destight and obeide, in hamble rates:

But auctoriter: and auctorises states;

Lause of two libit one to both. other as far,

As zerico and Zersei, insoming tar;

Anctoritee, for it felle, wourthipped is.

Thaustoriled for good wie of nuctoritee,
Are ungly reverend, which good wie if thei mis,
woorthip or renemmes, to them genen none thould bee,
pet there is (quath the spices) we bally fee, not a manage to the did as to the good, and more low some troly.

That curtin county the died eightly directed, and and a sign manage of the auctorities in the auctorities and and any manage hot the auctorities person, respected and and any in any and long. Thauctorities for the person, not tooorthippiv. I will are sign for the person settler lacking honestie, and any and a self to be cause he person for the perso

THE SPIDER HT CHA

Beet (quoth the spider) but then to this putrace

Due spider: and one die, of one honeste are.

Thought spider plaste: in auctoritied place;

Thought spider plaste: in auctoritied place;

More woorship and credit: then that sie can compared spide woorship; yes; but more tredence; no sais I.

Donellie (3 lite as your leife erfiehere lawe.) And the sufficient is the roote: that credence and woorthips both twatter and Grow on. So that our woorthip and credence water and Du woorthipfull auctorities, bo not remaine. A sufficient wat on our honell ble therof: thus our that and a sufficient that lingth be to credence: is not auctorities and as ill and a But good ble planetoritie: by bonelie; and as ill and a sufficient.

Moherin I conclude: flies of mothe base begrees in mode?
Daving lyke honeftie: to spiders mothe hie, with a distall.
Dave in lyke wife: lyke crevence of equitee.

Not lyke reverent inocylhip (I saie) for white, a distalled to spiders bling auctorites honefflie, and a spiders of included to spiders and person both: where cale so enfuse, and a spiders flies: to spiders, humble reverencement bis.

Me hat is (quoth the (piver) the diffrence in thois, me and the Of one vegre of crehence; in these two tology in and pour of This (quoth the flie.) By this excaumple to know, decided and all two spiners webs wousn; admit here to be soines, and you for futte and all things, both as one to behalve and all things, both as one to behalve and any said have thone; about thother, more faire givile dum bears. If More plesant to the sie, both one to the incareanally soil; and the

AND THE FLIE.

pet hath that glotty web effimacion moze Then thother though both web? of one weaning bes and fo for one crebence : in the two before bothers auctoritee: bleb with bonelles Thei Bine : in betotie : of a botoble begree. Do that though crebence felfe, be one in thele bat Bet that gloffe in that one, that other out goth.

Then (quoth the fpiner) it ferneth for fumtohat, Boneft Spivers ;in auctorites to fante: Abous bonett flies, pe: but it ferueth nat: (Queth the flie) for your parte of the pointe in hands, To prove more credence, in honelt folders france: Then in bonet flies : for in equall bonettes Stanbeth equall crevits, on both fibes : ye fee.

whiche: pon (my maillers) haning feine; bering wife, And that: tobich parte bath crebence mozer tobiche bath lette. Offphers of flies: is the thing to beutle, we male you : your fungement therin to expelle. If we (quoth tharbiters) in this rale abzelle, Our felues to gene indgement : will pe that abibe? He pe (in pilates boice) all on both lines cribe.

Let them all (to the butterflie fathe the ant) Departe. while we herein feke an ende to finde. Contente (quoth the butter flie) at your infant: Trubge bence pellies (quoth be) as ye are alinba. At winke of the ant : awaie the Cuibers winde. Thei all berebyon being gon foorth foorthwife. Thei two : herein proteded as folowith. mar

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EBy thant? provocacion the butterflie repeteth thargument before made, in his grole termes, not fer from full and thei twaine feeming to agre boon the point berein, thei communde the spiders and flies backe againe.

Cap. 19.



Valid ye (quoth the ant) repete be this talke last:
I woulde: but I will not (quoth the butterfile)
for I can not: though my harte for it should brast.
I forbad here: all spouting in soudirie.
Now thei speut: in spenting who may speut most hie have now a woorde and tan a woorde; here and tere,
Ulengeance the whit, I am sor their woordes the nere.

Tell (quoth the ant) as he perceive even in grole; what the pith is: As I (quoth he) had a glance, Beginning of their countralhin arole, wherin thei argue; and fell at arging flance, In comparion, who though have most crevance; Of ipiders of hies. The hie. hies honest rate, Tooke more crevable, than ipiders woorshipful flate.

The spider: then cast a compas rotonde about,
That honestnes, is vertousnes, and woorthipfulnes,
Due where honestnes: or vertuines, bearth rout.
So that woorthipfulnes: and honestnes,
Do pende eth on other, by that spiders ges.
Of spiders and sies: by his almashin ges.
Zonest are woorthipfull, woorthipfull are honest.

The file to this: fait spiders: by honestle,
We woorshipfull and crevible to. And than,
The spider brought in: a toy of toritie.
Thunhonest spider therin: therby to scan,
In credance and woorship tethe where and whan,
More: then the file: he being an hon. I one;
Daning to that honestle, toritee none;

THE SPIDER GRA

The fliest this: to, worthip and crevance: laive, Though toxitee for it felse: woorthipfull bee, Pet winth it no woorthip (many wights laive:) To him felse: for him felse, outlepted that bee: The therm blackin of faire bonefiee. But in miluse of courtee: the flie tolde, woorthip or trevance: no wight felse can holde.

Then the spider legoe, one spider : and flie one: Thei both, in one gree: of bonessie beeing. That spider in toxitee, that slie in none, whether woorthip: and credance were not greeing: More to that spider: then to that sie sleeing. More woorthip, be graunted: bycause bonessee, And taxitee somoe: But wore tredance, no saide her.

So; honestie: and not notice, is roote,
Saide her noberon all branches of credance lying.
Then no honestie, no credance: had in boote.
Lyke honestie, lyke credance: in every thing.
The spider then arte, what distrance: in hewing:
Of one gree of credance: in these fore tolde twaine whiche by a web sample, the sie answered plaine.

Awo spiders webbes of one fruste and woochemanship. Saue thone about thother hath glosse more gaice.

An the eis. but so, we we, thei differ not a chip.

Pet both that glosse web; beare the bell awate.

And so the spider sto his bonessie in state:

Zauing toritee about this boness sie.

Lrebance thinth in the spider, more beinteouste.

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AND THE TLIE

poell faide (faide the ant) though these termes be but base:
pet appoint thei well: that you perceive the pith:
which: concerning credence, concluding in this case:
That the wooghe flie, and the bell spider therwith:
where one begree of honesse concurty,
There one begree of tredence, concurty likewise,
wherou, harke here what a strange case both arise.

Hut cale a duke of effate honozable.
Affirming a tale, on his bonour for treiv:
A duck flepth foorth: and faith it is a fable.
Were it not a cale (trow you) as flrange as new:
Ehat dewke: and that duck: of one credite to bein!
The dewkes and duck? honestie (quoth he) being one.
Their credence is one: by graunted grownee erst gone.

from which grown (mailler ant) by my fatherkin.
I will not farte, but kande and fiche even faft:
As but this my bodie, flicketh this fkin:
well (quoth thant) being at this point: with this paff,
furber to procede in this cale: what way to calf,
Let be have these Pivers: and flies: agains here.
At bek of both, all before both did apere.



Thant

Thant telth them, that where theutbence for both fibes goth to one effect, and that in bebating whiche fibe is most credible to awarde the window buto, it is concluded, that crebence standth oppon bonestie: and that as all spiders and flies are bonest, so are thei credible: now must it first be tribe, which five is most honest, theron to sudge whiche five is moste cre Dible. Cap. 40.



AND THE PLIE IT

A Tyour last standing here, (a thant) the case stoods. On triall in crevence : of spiders and site.
Thensoence so; both: being one: and tyke good,
On which part of both, most crevence might arise,
wherin beterminate triall to beuise,
One cowple of you: one spider and one sie,
Reasoned (birlakin) prettly wittily.

strete pith, wherof (to prefent purpole,) was this. Honestie pe agrees: of credence is the grownd. Concluding for all: as ech wightes honestie is More or les, so more or les credence: is bownde. All spiders and sies, of one honestie sownde, dre of one credence. In that credence doth bende, all wholly byon honestie to depende.

Then: as theuldence: on which fide to ley belt: tohere crevence lith most, we thought belt to have trive, so must we now, for crevence: see sum weigest: which side bringth most honessie testifide, and thereby most credit. To this, or that side. Beit (quoth the buttersie) now let be see sure: Who shall here win boote, in winning here his spurs.

A nother spider and file, to the beline food.
A cumly cowple: as were of these two kinds,
Their maner showd their bringing by to be good.
Lurtly low: to tharbiters, as curtly binds.
Behavir most belent: in bitting their minds:
As their talke was: of honestie: to benise,
So devised their their talke, honesty likewise,

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One spider and one flie resoning which side is most hones, agreing in conclusion, that monettie on both sides apecreth to them two, to be one, that stie requires that steers to ponder the case as thei shall thinks good.

Lap. 41.



AND THE PLIE

Ted speake (quoth this spider) treath honestly here, where the honestle is both part; to compare, Equalities both therin; to me apers.

As right many spiders: right honest there are, so right many slies: right honestle declare.

As honestle (it selse) is one qualities, so both parts qualifies lyke, lyke honest bee.

Dir (laive this flie) this is of you qualifibe, Right honestly. Wherbyon (with your assent, (Elnber reformation) I wolde se here tribe, One thing: herein to try: what diffrent extent, Standth in one degre, of honestie here ment. In both is sozelaide partile, spiders and flise. Which: in sew wooddes, I shall now to you decise.

flies: mo then spiders, twenty to one there are. Out then in erhe one person, lyke honestee: In one spider, and ten flies: to compare. Showth not here: that most nomber: in quantitee, To show here: the most show of that qualitee: It shows most spoke spider) and to show how, Warke this shorte example that I shall show you.

Dne flowe: before two mirrours; being let here.
Thone mirrour crakt: in ten peres fundey:
Thother whole. This flowe in these glasses that apere,
At the whole glass, as it is: one flowe only.
The crakt glas, showth ten flowes aparently.
Soe of those ten peeres of glasse energehone.
Eth one peece, (in it selfe) showth one flowes alone.

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Do: this feire nowe honestie: in one spider plates And ten nies, eche one polested of lyke same.

For honestie selse, there is no more purchaste:
In the ten nies, then in thone spider to name.

The only difference (I say) in thow both frame:

Ten flowes in the crackte glas: as thus to respekt:
Ten flowes in some, and one flowe in effect.

That whole glatte both thow one flow: and is no mo: That crackte glatte: making thow of flowes: halfe a lease There yet but one flowe, at both these glattes to. As in both these parts, one honestie: no more. Well (quoth the flie) yet as I have saide before: Due honestie: in one spider, and in ten flise. Most show of that honestie: in those flise rise.

which thow thowth (thonestie in all being one) A beinty: thining of more evelensy:
In those ten flies, then in thone spider alone.
Sir (said the spider) to speake indistrently,
Even so take it 3: and even so graunt it 3.
My masters (to tharbiters) the flie then seide,
wey you: how honestie: is here to be weide.



Tharbiters

AND THE FLIE

Tharbiters commannoing all to go aparte againe, theffail in talking somtwhat at large touching both credence and honelie in both these sides, which doone to them therin their mindes, thet call all before them agains.

Lay. 42.



Tharbiters.

Darbiters: willing both party to flep backe fireight,
Beother butterflie (late the ant) here ye fer
Daneflie on both these party: to petse in weight,
If mo honest flies then bonest spicers be:
Bet of both party: ethe one lyke of honeste,
The nombre more and les: as these two verlare,
shoth numbers: of one honestie, thei compare.

for thoneunes lelfe, (quoth he) to that thei grew.
But thoneunes in those flies: shewth more evalent:
As twenty flowers in the broken glade: to bew:
Show of thans flower in the whole glas: far out went
pe, in thow (quoth thant) with you I be confent.
But by their equali begree of that qualitee,
This spider, and these flies, equally bones bee.

well then good mailler ant (quath the butterfile, two gre: that the how, of one honelines here: Thom the ten flies parte: howth more thininglies. Then on the one spiders live: in thow can pere. And so, thousand celle, to draw to endenere, you answering one demande: demanded by me, their part to spinspall purpose, we shall soone se.

Is not this argnicathin of honestnes,

To le who are most honest, spivers or sies:

To try therby the side most credabili to ges,

In thone suspence: that both sides bid denile,

Eche side for it selse: yes (quoth thant that none denile.

But graunth it. Dince (quoth the buttersie) that? trowth,

Darke what proofe to purpose: byon this case growth.

AND THERELESS HAT

Let be here bewite one spider and tentile.

All tyke harest a who seing two sets at law,

That one spiden for thous soe, a witness tile,

Those tentile, to the specifies witness vinite.

I never will inight that over bette a sale.

But such tentiles enbance more croudly webe,

Then such one spident enbance were in ever.

Ant lo legalife than the paid calle than the estato e taite:

In witnesting one wongoe was one take est told:

Le them all: theme better enthanter reporte,

That woode from theme that then latte. And then belog all twas not late: testis cale anticated young and did read and

This one prince must have in the attenuated.

Mailler ant: Flies want of crebance: franch not bere, In the weakenes of crebance in the title, what in weakenes of crebance in the rate ciers. Degentine, against framentine, weakely like. Sogetting, and remembring, thus this rate trife: we mai fonce forget; that we berbe last vay. Then remember that we barbe not, any way.

Buttley both partubere: put aftermentine rafe.
This one fother afterment here: furnentiacly.
That I lay (last night) in Postbumberland place.
Thele ten fins fait: in 10 estimation place in 3.
In this afternation: because in the try, which part buth here: most crevance in your beming?
The flies (quoth the ant) aparently feming.

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THE SPIDER NO ONA

But lince honeffie and not credence: is now,
The thing: to towch here in place and cale polent,
And that (for thoneffie felfe,) A proue to pole:
One begree of honeffie: in both fibes bent,
That one: and those ten: have one hones extent,
Agre we for that part: thus to resolve.

Meit (quoty be) but when talks of crevance charly be, and as I be arg as I be now for crevance agains to them. The state of the state o



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AND THEMPLIES ANT

Thank telch them, that the time betermine honeftie on both lives to be one. Willing them to go footh in the mattier, wher with one tart taunting spider, and one tharpe successfully, fordearing till this time (with much peine) speaking or rather railing, stande now footh (upon tip toes) to chop logike ech with other in rude reasoning of this case.



of lyivers and flies: which parte is most hance. The trial : is the thing: we nate stand byou. which is a flies, one: his apinion expect.
That as flies in nomber are twenty to one:
About fowers, all on both flows energhane:
Being like hance, most honestie both rife,
To the flies parte: where the most nombes life,

To this one spiners tale: of the two glasses tourft, Therample showing more show of honestee: In the more: then in the les nomber anoucht, pet both parts being bouest in one begree, 180th partes of like honestie, that take to bee. And so to abindge: we two having agree, Agre you: how herein survey to procede.

with this, before all their futners and thes here flockt, the frone and out flart: that cotople of hare breins:
The frider and they, that erfl there bragbe and corbt.
Thom both their forheds: so swelled the beins:
That their thus long stience: was sene their great points.
In cockying currish countenance: notobit to leke, there are no other, their stope to theke.

Auctoritee thei toke, none was to them geenin, DI good maner boide: in taunting imarte imatrers. Plainnes: without bouckie, thei bled eanin. Thei both: to live against five, weare no hatrers; But lyke Jaile: in cheritrele luch chatrers, That being now bent to chat, their toonges to stop, With an are; as loone; their beds of, ye may chop.

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AND THE TLAM

Their talke, whether to repete of to reptelle.
Hinde railing therin, brought me fumbhat to boul, it is sout finally, door may that to profelle; and a sold and a sold

Thereall (A lay) transing before their two let, what benoing their brotole: In case reported arts, This formal spiner and the : in suring fret, drobusing eth on other, this procede thei perit. And temperates becoming, or other best. The spiners their same to eno, how best their began, In counterfet colones; this matter to stank.



Que Que

THE SPIDER GEA

faller behelder to reverse at ta reutelle

Where another lyiver and flie realined late before to prome which live of both is mult boneth, this laide quareling spider and cocking slie, labour to prove which parte of boch is mult dishonest, in mostles and occes, as Murpacion in windowes and other inflochanion. At ente where in surious sumes, thence renty the spider one wate, and the slie slingth an other, who stone spides are water and the slie slingth an other.



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AND THE PLIES

Matres (quoty the totoer) without circumflances of the rection on which parts mod ponetie life rection. Of spicers of of ties, in continuance, is available of a sale and pour subgement: both parts of lyke ponetie tries, a sale and which poneties so tribe, now consumutes as a sale and so so a pithy purpose; let be been as see, the land a sale and for a pithy purpose; let be been as see, the land a sale and on which five of both; lyth most disponeties, and a sale and a s

I thought : vare ye fit that, (quot) the fly)

what different is know you by thes for you and a standard off

more then fites know by (pivery) fite what involved a standard off

woodd; and dedes. Duty with formany will I must sail to

as hall: by differentie, fites handlie blue, so il mostio at I.

and first for woodbes, bonest is handly to tran, a sail to

I mestic speakty well? Pe (quot) the sie what thans

This than (quoth the lipter) take lies ten the blance in the where so ever thei lies, go, trano, its of sit, a ginemo and stood few of the number hime taken open hands a good and a single. To gene any good spiver any good woods yest, at an olight Except in flattery; which woods those surry whit i has too as much disponence in sale leits simblance, and in the case as spouth in surry, sowie woods at many growness.

When flies flockt togither, bean their alebenthe Begin to his or biss; in their kind of talke, 2000 in 1000 in their him of talke, 2000 in 1000 in their bisting bable quenthe, 1000 and so many woodbes, so many lies all walks, and a start of their could never since the like, of (quoty the flies) Pour maillership talkth wondersole penetitie,

THE SPESERGIA

The grave pane to your folle, you night foone know; spiver so fire inho speaks most ill of he twaine.

Speake not spivers as ill of fire in a pe troin.

As alies speaks of spiners year to hours to platte.

Where these terms must be his; hon great pathe.

The kname sty pasting Mostler spiner speaks his pleasure.

But grannt ville melimostes erb part of ather, formelles.
Do speake a like muche which how the billionelles.
In both these processive consperts to the forter.
De dies differentiate particles and gis to lessed the long of the billionelles.
The different beeten of your speak to be some all linds of the grample where to be said a linds of the grample where to be said a linds of the grample where the properties also were to be said a linds of the grample where the properties also were to be said a linds of the grample where the properties also were to be said to the said the grant of the

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AND THE FLIE

fals imagery (quoth be?) ye are a fals knave.
A right liverey (quoth be) turnbe on the wrong fibe.
But liverey and wages: that spivers bourhave:
To geve dies, of one subfrance are berifibe.
Knave by: ar take by file: thy wandring woordes wide.
Truly to try: bow truth the touch from may touch.
On whose side: mak dishonestie, is tanouch.

All vilhonest weather: in slies of spivers had, Lum of vilhonest veedes: in spivers to site. Thus said thou, which saying though the examine of mad, what ill of wrong veedes: so we to you verife: Durature windowes to the, as our stone will aplife. Pour vedes were not ill: were all windowes your own, But no woordes: save your ston, show windowes so impion.

The tops: and top fibes: of all toinboloes all gones:
we have graunted and toolograunt: weare ge content,
To graunt like wife all holes in all windstoes ours,
But spicers nink have all, ye may nought relent,
And in your having all: marke thepperiment.
Low the worlde before went, and fince how it goth:

(for comon weith) in spicers: and in size both.

When you in toppes and lives there thept your effate:
And we in the holes tas frood with our degree, we would be spiders and flies the all windowes fituate,
Dweld eth by other in welfh and builter to be a sound of the lifter of take hels as we be)
Fe lifte eth at other cand all at will fles all and a sound of the lifter of take hels as we be.

But

But you: we: and our windowes to: all go to wacks.
By you conclous cuttheotes: the dinell choke ye.
Wilt thou weeth (quoth he) levall this on our backed
Browne by our firines, nay hie and files: Ile yoke per
with more then halfe part of the ill: to fmoke ye.
It is and hath ben faid: there no good accorde:

Pour cockapert price: and your conetous harts.

Zane brought: more then three parts of our its about.

Pour rude rebelius bildbedient parts:

Much but our (and much more to your own) finarts:

Exicking and wincing at every good order, 1801 22641111

Zath distrotoe good order in every border.

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Mo byte our owne skept from by (we fate) by might at a fines incums: and rents, so great and many green, so great and green green green, so great and green green green, so great and green which exacts exactions: in spicers began, so great and green green

AND THE PLIES

as y am trew lentilman, thou litte on bs. I will have as ye are a trew tentilman : even to I ly.

But as ye are a fals tentil manto vicus,

pour falthod and my truth, may toine tolily.

Ale prove Areight (quoth the fpiver) that thou lyelf, I,

for rent?: and warfe reifve, thou fait fpivers begoon.

But marke how buhonekly that ly both roon.

fine loote to two: in windowes of this reme:

pe flies hold yet, in leafe at burcifed rent.

All holders wherofifell their wares: as extreme,

as though their fermes at the most ressed rent went.

Now who beginth here: the first extoxt extent:

The flies (quoth the flie) but yet spiders begun:

To resse rent; before: as leases did out run.

And as leafes fall fill, so reise their ent fill.

And fill (of their goodnes) will reise: I bout not.

In new leafes: of such covenant; to sulfill,

As the slies geins: no great privitithes hall lot.

The lewd lords: their landlords: in reckning the shot,

The lot of alowance: in both parts to ley,

The spiders have the creme, the slies have the whey.

thut spivers: letting farms, and flies holding farms.

Thone letting farms hie, thother felling vitels dere.

And of all ware sellers: ech thisteth from harms.

By reising his ware, as other wares apere.

But all that on their pencions (or pence) live mere:
In windowes: without lands to let, or ware to sell,

Where ever their well: mai thinks their divell in hell.

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Well (quoth the lpiver) for leafes not run out,
file fermers holding fermes yet: as olde rent gane,
why raile thei their wares: with thother polling rout;
Thei take time (quoth the file) while thei the time have.
for when your time cumth, you will so polle and thane;
By reised rentes: turning hed fermers to heardes.
That thei know: ye will fift the fat from their beardes.

And ye hie hed spiders: in a conspiracie:

Conspire in all windowes, to kepe fermes at heith.

D; kepe them in your own handes, to kepe thing? hie:

Where a die (quoth the spider) dable rent petth:

Moze than he hath pathe. There experience seith:

Looke what wares: at what price: that dies solve before,

Those or worse wares he selth for treble price more.

So that if spiders reise rent?, two poundes from one.
Three pounds fro one: at left flies reise their wares freight
Their which robzy, hering any rumoz brone,
Of the faute, on vs spiders thei lep the weight
Rozing: in raging rhow we our land? do height:
Making them begers (when thei with that thei win,
Are able to purchase the fermes thei dwell in.

Well live: well faide: (faid the flie) I word have faide.
But now to our ground: on which our faigng arole.
For dishonestie, on both part? to be leide.
Covetous and prive: being chefe grownds in grose:
Ao prove on which part: most dishonestie gole,
Dishonestie by covetulnes both rise,
At the least: as much in spiders as in siis.

AND THE CFLORE

And as much in fles, as in splaces lay I, But what remedie fle: to remove this grele:
Looke thet that lift: thet that los me (quoth the fle)
we talke not now of grele: to beutle relets,
the honeste, but by dishonest milithete:
To charge which parte most dishonest we can ges
In all its, namely prive and conetuines.

wherin: as we in constulnes have late,
Let be now: set part apole other in prive.
The which vice for both our floes berightly weive,
Withonestie therin, thatbe verifice.
To lie altogither, on the spivers live.
Spivers, are of flies: alway turtly takers:
And flies to spivers, alway curtly makers.

And yet (I fay) in bending our knees to ball:
flies looking like lams: fproers lyke lions looke.
As though poore flies, were made for rich fpiders all.
Of which: though foolish flies: the fusirance may brooke:
wife flies can not brooke it: for thei finde in booke:
This demaund written. When Adam bolue and Eue fran,
who was in those golden baies, a gentleman.

None as who fale. And were there none now (fay wee)
The worlde shuld be as good now, as it was then.
If yemen sies: were put in autoritee,
we wold rule as well, as spiders gentlemen:
Shall Jak sauce rule now sie! sie by these bones tene
we shall sure be rulee: in all kinds of lawse,
Ls well by Jak sause: as by maister John dawse,

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what wit: 02 what welch winnesh your chate Cont, Looke hily: speake losely: commanne all, and bo nought. Bai geare, goodly copineds: to revell with the rout, without any boulholdes. For the page dies wrought. But with billhes beinty: fer fet and pere bought. One fat spider 4 an other seepth in sme seast.

Thele proved pearoks propertile; wholly remaine,
In you proved letters. And not in be poore file,
But most proved, most foole. As files proverbes conteine.
Flies (quoth the spider) in their proved exercise,
Are to fer bushe lords: lords lookes tenterprise.
Lordlyke to looke, files countenance can not brooke:
Bu though files looke not lordlyke: knave like thei looke:

Shall we not finde a knave flie: not worth five Grawle:
Looke more prowdly, the the best look in a shere?
Pes. And take boon him in chaplogik lawle:
To controll be, and our boulholds fer and nere.
So that by pride, les dishanestie showth here:
In looks: of spiders looks branery,
Then in sites knavish deeds, by knavelyke knavery.

Di which loste of laule malapert minions,
Thou art captaine cartif: against be to kicke.
And fure: thou holost perillous opinions.
Weare thou apoled pithilp to the quicke,
I burst ley my life, thou art an hereticke,
I befie (quoth the site) the wrech that so leith.
Darke: I will evin in your eare: confesse my feith,

AND THE GETTER HE

The flie: blowing a while, in the spiders eare:
The spiner: that while: brething in the flies nerker
Both cribe out, as she had ben floong on a speare.
I am kilde (quoth the spider) death cumth at becke.
This sie hath blown siblowse in mine eare a pecke.
I am poisond (quoth the sie, beth rydth in the rode,
This spiders breth, makth me swell tyke a sode.

Triacle cribe thone, an eare pyhe: cribe thother. The flie flew, the faiber crept, quight out of fight. The flie flang one mais: the faiber ran an other. Seive of flier face, in both was fene right. But both being anone gone out of fight quight, Thant: in reproch of their communication, Tolo them all, part of his imagination.



After

THE SPEDER ONA

After a fein inousbes, indich thant speakth to the rest of hoth sozies there, thes are assigned to stande backe againe, while tharbiters gather out of this rathyng, such reason as their can.



THE SPIDIR

I I is comonly fato, and comonly fens.

I where as any number: of any fat we.

Of all fortes there be, and engineers have bens.

Ind as in most bale fort: sum right good we se,
so in the best fort: as ill to becre.

Example wherof: no better profe ensurth,
In no one example, then this one procurts.

Of you : both lostes lpiders and flies : present here:
pon vie your selves honestly. Many and moste,
But yet there is we: that here doth apere,
On ech and sive: one so brimly brag and hoste,
That thei prove on both sides: sum knaves in the costes
I meane these twains gone. Whom boon inquering,
Bre: in honest audience, not worth the bering.

forloth (laid a lober lpider) even in deede: Thei are univoorthy bering: in any place. Arew (quoth a wife flie) but lince it was agreede: By camon councels on both lides: to purchase: Dr provide: them to ioine with be in this case, It semeth unlemely for us to reject: Such: as our electors to us have elect,

It senth so (said the ant) and I take it so.
Brother buttersie: will be that thei depart:
while we twaine, to groping of this matter go.
Pe maister ant (quoth be) with all my hart.
Thei all (once againe) from them twaine revart,
while thei two device: sum way of abailing,
To gather right reason, out of rude railing.

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Charbiters confloer in this taunting talke, that former his bonest aboles there are in sonozo parties on both sides. been their agrenient of conclusion wherin, thet have before them those other spikers and sites agains.

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AND THE PLIES

D pas this last cale (quoth thant) as in award, nobith part is most dishones, the tale ers weint selecting which is most honest part: to regard: is a plaine plat: to proue this likehile leid. Is honeste there is: equally displeid, so show the tone part: as bonest as the tother, so show both here, like dishonest: thone and thosher.

popat kinds of fauts: we mat in the spiders find, The same (02 the like) we mat find in the ails. So that (I say) as equitee bath as moe, One degre of disponessie, in both life. popers our sozmer talks (quoth the buttersie) trife: Thoughts one: in both the sides: pet ye know: That honessie in the sies, thinth most in show.

for that (which I told you I wold in mind bere)
flies: fer mo in nomber, then spiders apere.
Trew (quoth thank) and as most nomber winth sies there,
Most how of honestie, so most nomber here:
Most show of dishonestie: showth in sies clere.
As most nomber of thonest: thine most in same,
Most nomber of dishonest, thine most in same.

Then (quoth the buterflie) as flies here nought get, to loofe thei nought: where let be be content:
To fet the hares head, against the goofe feblet.
Both floes: to absudge lyke honest: I assent.
And I (quoth the ant) do gene the same subgement.
Berebpon thei cald all again to Cand nere,
To whom wheren, thank beclard as ensuth here,

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THE SPIDER HE CHA

Capant beclarit to those spiders esties, that the tales of the pearte spider and stie before tolde, do charge ech others part in such sort, that thei can not sai which side is most dishonest; but thei two adjudge clerely in dishonest thinges: both sides of like dishonestie, where with their all another backe again, tharbifers talke to fal to a point between them selves what report finally and fully to make.

D was this last cafe (at athlians) do



AND THE PLIE

A Lithough the railyng of those railers late gone:

for it selse: or them selves, immeete may be chought.

Either to be talkt bpon: or thought bpon.

pet since the matter of their talke: such talke brought:
That as one ground of our talke, talke bath it wrought,
we have wrought therto: considerate consent,
To conclude therin, this extended extent.

Disponetie in spivers and in thes both, dipereth aproved: so indifferently, That on which side the most disponetie goth: we can not know: not otherwise verify, But like disponessie, on both sides both ly. So that out of hande: to beclare our decre, Both parts: in disponessie, have one begre.

But for as much: as dithonestie here toucht; was: to prove or disprove honestie before: which part of both: most or least honestie anought, and that dithonestie: both before no more: Then honestie vio, leave dishonesties lore. And by former talke: in honestie alone, Lake honestie on both parts here, judged one.

The grave nombre on both lives agrede to this.

wherepon: thant art who had furver to legs.

Concerning eutvence: in the premiss.

Thei all faive: thei had to say no fuver, they,
well fato thei both: ye all yet again awey.

which done, thei both: eth to other their mindes brake,
what end (now at end) thei finally might take.



AND THE FLID. CHA

Bisofher butterdie (quoth thant) beto thinke pe web;
what maketh all this evidence for either live?
All alich for both (quoth he) now beto say your
get the same (quoth thant) wherin is specifice,
To hard a triall: to subge the best live tribe.
The best free of both: since boute bath thus brown it,
Let; at last, leave it, as we at first sound it.

Agreed (quoth the butterfile) by my good footh: Thei herewith tald agains, the spiders and file. Ech hoping to here a tale, for his own tooth. But thant being (for an ant) lerned and wises. Otherwise weigng, otherwise did beutse. Of this proces past, where to report the pith. for which (but them all,) he made wei sorthwish.



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AND THE FLORE

Thant the with them, that the butterflie and he are at point what to reporte, deutling it to be reported before the head spider and the flie in the copioed the two principall parties, and to have with them to here and witness their reporte, two spiders and two flies: witty and discrete, and the rest to state there till their returne. Which being agreed, thei let south streight to the said copwed.



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AND THE TRIES

Row ye all: that we two being full agreeve:
no hat we thall say, we must now full agre:
no here we shall say. which saying must be decreede,
the some sof trust: in this autopite.
The spider and sie (means 3) which two are,
these grownds in the case, that we must now beclare.

The butterflie: and all the rest there: leive.
for that report, that was the place most fit.
Let be, with be, (quoth thank) have forth in eive,
Two spiders and two sies: of credence and wit.
And all the rest, till our returne here to sit.
Thei two with the two twose: solowing in order,
Was on: till thei cam to the copineds border.

The flie in copined floode by, and praier lefte. Longing for meede: of preier preide ere than. with deadly looke: as death had lyfe berefte. But when the spiner: into place cam than, flas poore flie: how he lookte pale and wan. All those without: but the spiner within, fit their low curtly done, thank did thus begin.



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THEISPEDERMA

The ant affociate with the faire fort pronounceth at length (to the spider and ale in the copweb) this brief effect, that in as much as on both fives the embence is one, and that the crebence is one, by thoughtie being one, they two can (in reason) no wate trie, howe to bey thaccustomed right more on thous side then on thother: they finallic leave the case enin at liberatic, as they sounde it; and so departe to the place of abstrement agains.

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AND THE FLIE

M great good butle, and little good friend: file.
where you two: those be two: your arbytres late,
To adjudge (by reason) the custome rightle:
Of spiders and files, in all immodes situate,
which part should have all: or what part we should rates
To exther part, what hath theron risks situate,
and what in sine so; sine both rise, here the pith.

In the first talke between you twepne: and be tweine, Thise to try was (as ye saybe but obs.)
Dow right in all windowes (I sey) both remaine,
To both sides, as reason may custome discus.
Pou: for you and all spiders, a leging thus.
All parts in all windowes (none errept) saybs ye,
Are yours: and all spiders, as in tenure fre.

wherin you file, as ye then affirmed) heelde, all holfe in all windowes, are files free of olde. Tops and fides, being spiders hold free: to beelde. Thed houses of tenantrees of what ye woolde. So that for the holfe only: is all the holde, which (upon furder enforce, to confither, we (as re wold us to go,) went to gyther.

nohere: (pivers and flies, a certeyne numbre met, 18efore a pointed: entoence to difclose.

And first for all spivers, one to be there let, Sayve. As report of spivers! hath yone and gole. All holse in all windowes: are theirs to dispose, The slies then calo, one flie for all verside, All holse: by all flies woordes long to flies side.

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Thele

Thefe two: in their two tales: showing distrence none, In matter: not in woodbes, save onely that thei: Leio the same: ech on the side: he stanth brane, Thei both: and thei all: strangers to be (to sey, This one sentence: on which of both sides to sey, 180th showing a lyke credible, to be too, That was thing disticult: so; be two to boo.

Wherboon: both part? (before is both) cald ine. Ao try on which part, most crevence might apere. Wherin one spiker: and one sie: of gravitee. Reasoning on which side most crevence shuld thow bere, Thei both: at last graunted this, so, a grown be clere. As every wights count: in honessie both mount, So every wights crevence: amounth in acount.

No: honestie agrede thei, to be the grownd:
(D: grownded cause) of credence. Then were we dreues To serch on which side, most honestie was found.
Wherin (on both sides) when all resons were gener,
Thoughtie on both sides, in our sudgement was even.
And so: so: credence, (hit on honestie growing)
One honestie, one credence: in both parts showing.

Ahus: their enthence being one: wherunto: Their credence one: by being of honessie one, To try the wrong doers: which we cam to do, what wey can we (in reason) take: so; sooth none. Wherin lacking power, since our goodwill alone: Aan do nought, honessly this charge to discharge, As we this case sound here, we leave here, at large.

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AND THE FLIE.

Ariende butterflie (faid the fpider) how fai you?
As maifter ant hath faid (faid he) fo fai I.
Then (quoth the fpider) with thank? to you both now,
we both discharge you. Dir (quoth the butterfly)
My pooze kinskie here: that in durance both ly,
for charge or discharge: in every condeshin,
I beseth your mathip handle him with screlyin.

I will (quoth the spider) vie him no warle.
Then trandth with reason, law, custom, and conscience:
Is (quoth the sie) those graunted grownds not revarse.
Is: till I se them reverse, in experience:
I see no cause: to conceive lack of credence,
Then shall I (and all sies) lawde your equite.
Undoutfull trust wheros, much comforteth me.

feare not that flie (quoth be) and the flie (of trowth)
from dangerous died: that he disopped in eare,
Doppeth now in hope: as all outward thow thowth.
But yet for all thoutward brag: that he did beare:
Me thought he semme inwardly, not without feare:
Least faire feithfull promise of present plesance,
Might have sowie seithles displesant performance.

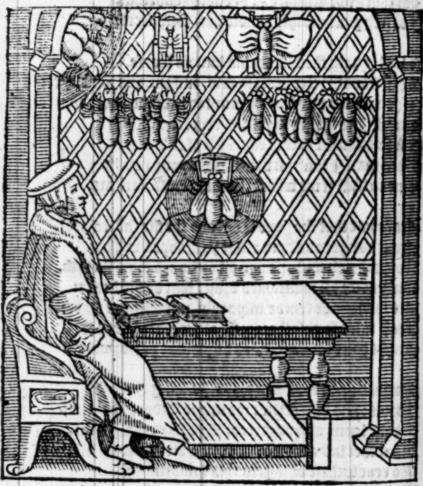
But between hope and dreds, he lying there Kill, Thant: and butterflie: the fowre spiders and slife, Tooke leave and departed. The same place untill, That thei last cam fro. Where their company life. To repete their doing, in this comprimise. The spider in copwed, gone that to declare, In thuper part of his howse, where his slok are.

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Thant and butterflie fet where they had fit, thant repeteth to those spiders and flies the report made by him at the sappo copies, at end wherof the spiders and flies, seeing that time spent all in bapus, ethe side amonge them selfes fall in mour muring.

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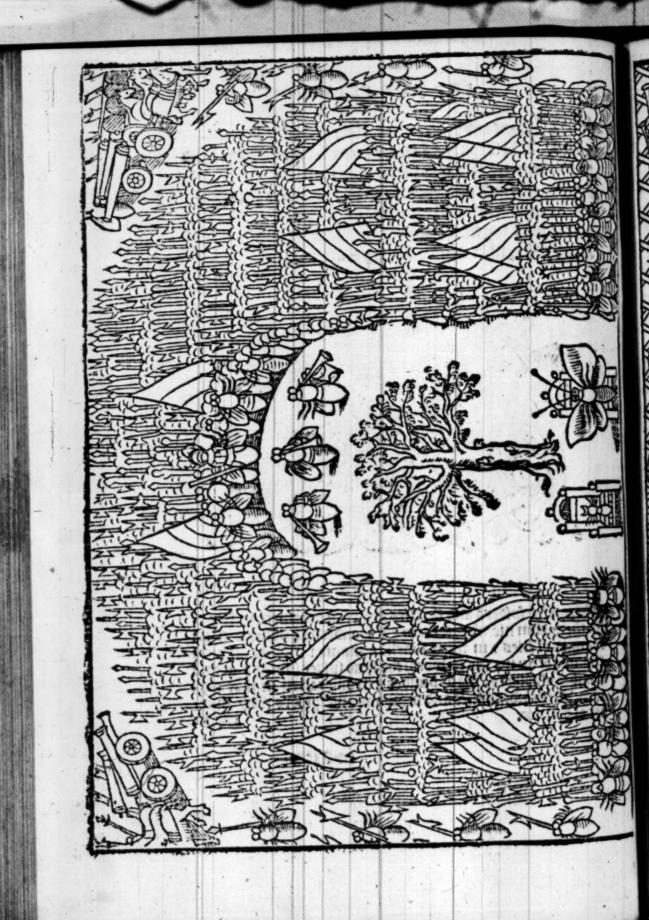
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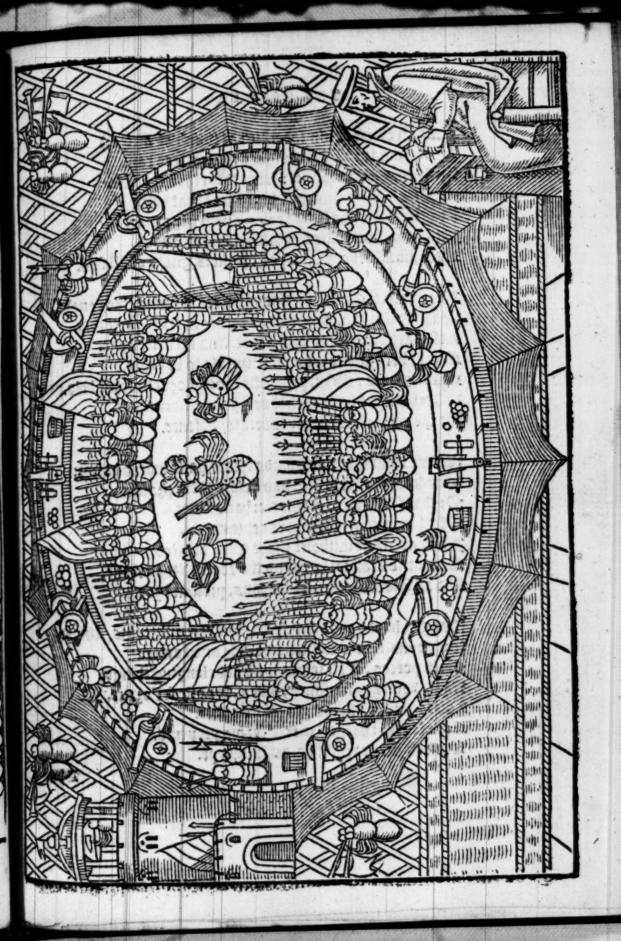
Those spiders a dies: Adding where they erft had sit,
Those spiders a dies: Adding where they erft stood
Thant repeting this, they perceyuing in it:
Much time spent on all parts: and no part take good,
They began generalise: to change their mood.
The spiders, to gither clustering and cluttering,
The sies, togither in murmering muttring.



Tipon the spiders and the sies mutring murmering, sobenlie there cam nie aboute them: a wonderfull nombre of all manner of sies: in they warlike manner. Moberat with twynke of an iye (as it were) the head spider (with a greate nombre of spiders,) hath busided a strong castell in that copweb. Moth ordinaunce and weapons and spiders redie in orber of desence.

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Lam fuch a flight of flies: in frattred ray,
As shadowed the some: from thearth to the skie.
As thadowed the some: from thearth to the skie.
As thad of flie a line, but was there that day.
As and rag, like lions: raging now rage thay.
Sleshflies, butterflies, land flies, water flies.
Bees, humblebees, waspes, hornets, gnats of all sies.

The graund Laptaine, francing: amid mong this rought, was the file, that flange from thence in fewrie erft told. Deld hath bene feene such a sort. And all so flought, Ercept here and there one: temprate to beholde. Staves, bats, clubs, pichforks, most begerlie most bold. Wherwith the spiders that erft gave evidence, In the copineb, tooke sentuarie for defence.

where: whether this proude spider gave woord before:
who with that pert file: had before there prated:
Dr that spiders: of ordinarie: have flore:
Dr all municion: for warrs redie rated,
I wot not. But without more time delated:
Dronance of all sorts round the copwed was leyde,
And all spiders with all weapons, preft in eyde.

Daggs, handgoons, hakle, hagbullers, culnerins, flings: Potgoons, lakirs, cannons, bouble and bemie.
feeld peeces, of all lewis, with al belonging things.
Byls, bowes, partilance, pikes, to puth fer of nie.
And to occupy all, lpiders platte aptite.
Ech of them: harnell meete for his properte,
The reli, all in bright harnelle capa pe.

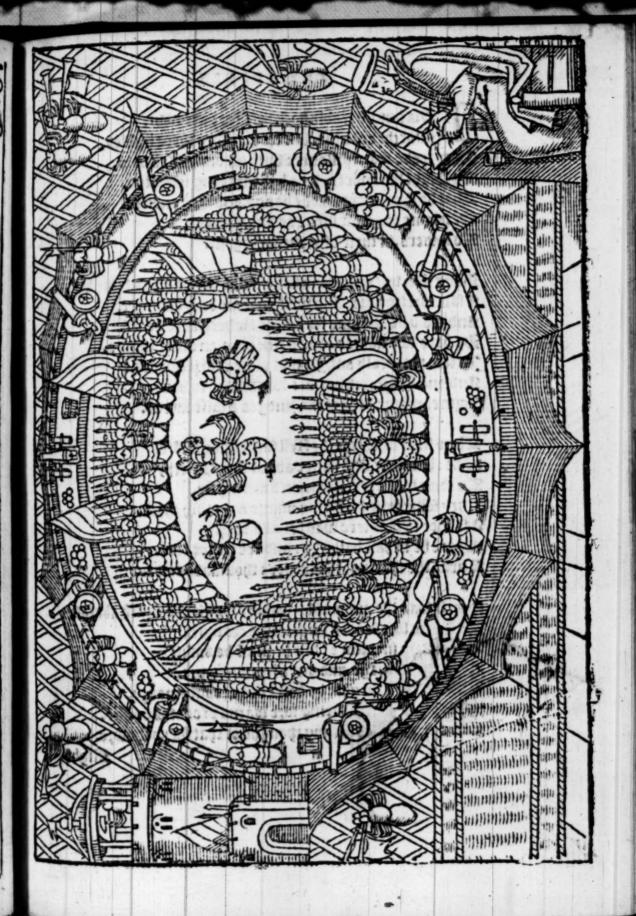
The files, of all openance were not belitute, pop furnished: like as the spiders weare: Rustie rotten peeces: their terrour to brewte, They shot of, and that wide, of marks everie where. Drums, files, slags, and wiflers, none wanted there. Baners displaide on both sides: all arms bearing, In harolds books a bowde, for both sides wearing.

The flies, in nomber, a boue the spiders far.
The spiders, in order, fer better then thate.
The flies, will admenture to make or to mar,
The spiders, (not sodenlie) sobrets wate:
To defend or offend, the flies as they mate.
The spiders, in copined well bide this teobertie.
The flies, in feeld well befrege them at libertie.



This hage heape of flies light aboute tharbiters. Apprehending thant, calting a halter aboute his necke that wing him to their tree of reformacion (as they call it) to hang him freeght. But at his fate to be hard speake ere bedie, on fli fleeth into the tree, where with the captaine commandeth silence. Sap. 32.





Dis innumerable flocke of flics: are now, Marcht buto tharbiters. And they there lighted, They tooke thantprisoner: with an buadusted bow, To spight the spiders, who had flies long spyghted. That he Gould Areight he hange, and then endited. Of felonie: against flies: as an adherent, To spiders, in their biurpacion bygent.

Bang him bp (quoth one) with wilde woozds and wide wit, a fals wzetch he is. And well knowne ever wheare. And wold be knowne no where: where ever he fit. It hat two names: one name here, an other theare. In this place cald ant. In that place cald pilmeare. And one suspected barlet: two names to have, is (in common subgment,) subged a false knave.

Then stept forth a fort of fell sies, fewriousie.
who: having cast a halter about thants neck,
To their tree of reformacion standing by,
They fellie forst him, with manie a chorlish theck.
A ladder to that tree was set, at a beck.
where he in hast halde by: and the halter tide,
Turns the theese of the ladder: thousands cride.

Small was the maruafil: though thant were much abatht to le this lose looden importable chaunce, who liveth in nature: but he must be batht: Both out of creage, and out of countenance.

That thoulo freight: be batht out of continuance.

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She mone (or few) being fore warns of beaths howe,

Lan exinite here feeling thought, of that tharp thowse.

Fight now in worthip let hie:as a indge: Eun now, kanding in thame to be hango hie, It was to him, a feeling greefe of grudge: Unknowne to all: that have not felinglie: felt of the same, in their experience, Dis looke and hew now, and late: so bolike, I hat to the hart: a tew that sight must frike.

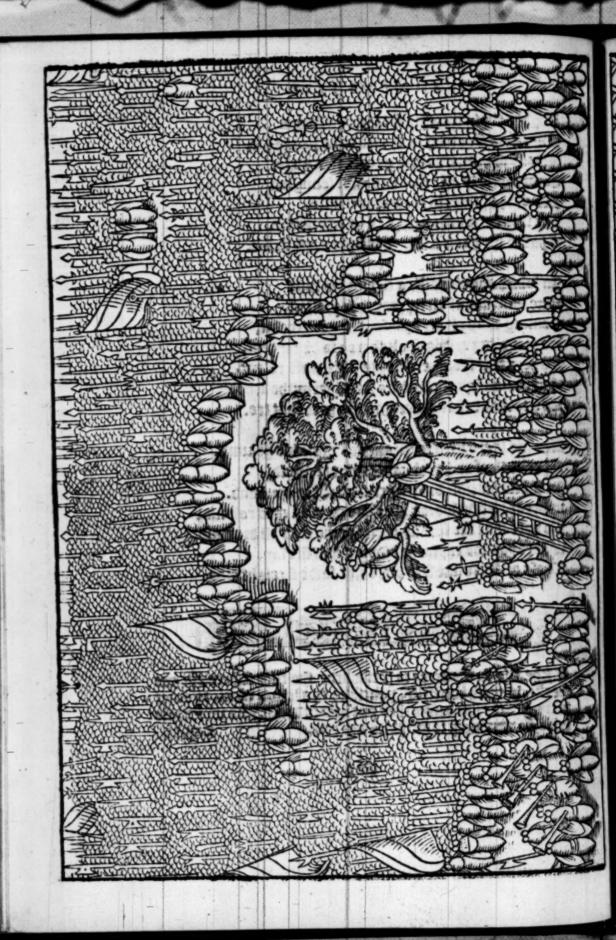
In which agonie: calling to him his wit: One wife die: at all formar talk prefent, Seming with all dies prefent in good credit, He prept to persuade all there: to be content, To here him speak, ere he his life should relent. But reason (quoth that die) and therwithall, he, To get thant that grace, gat him in to that tre.

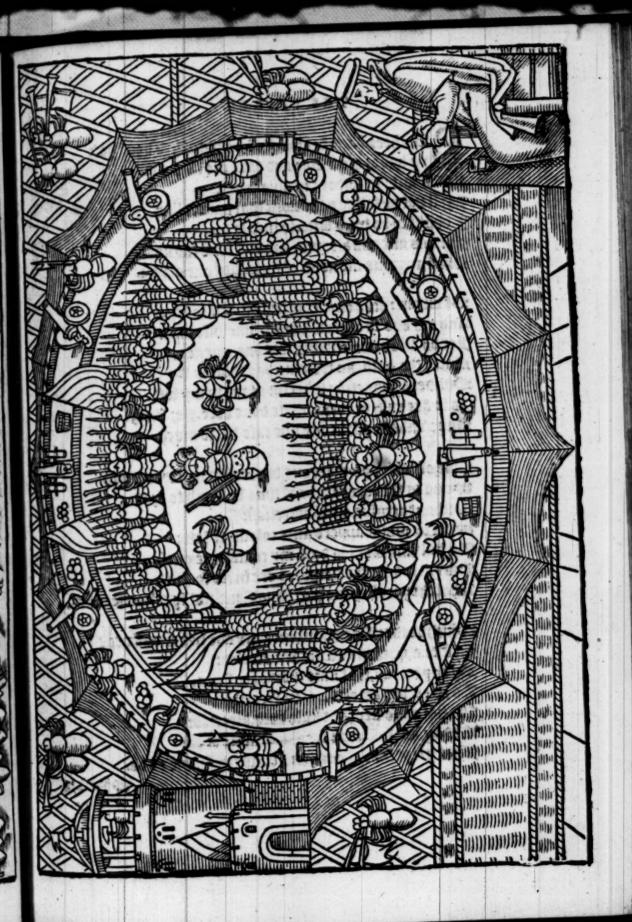
The flie there bent to speake the captaine graund, By mouth of an harolo: at trompet sound, In proclamation did silence freight commaund. Wherat: a few words here and there in ears rownsd, To here that flic speake, their speche was all drownsd. Wherbyon the captaine bidding that flie sap, These or these like sew words, he saide fireight way.



Ethe flie in the tree: to perswarde the flies to here the ant speake, wadeth honestlie, politikise to a lewze them, to quiet heryng of the ant before they put him to brath. His which tale tolde, he removeth to his place agayne,

Lap. 34.





Bikothers (and brotherlie freends) all: I dont nat:

Be know me a flie: and take me fuch a flie,

As for ant: or spider: in anie what:

will not be false, to the flock that naturallie:

Jought to be trew buto: to live or die:

for this ant and all ants: what I shall say now,

Shall approve me none of them, but one of you.

Df whom: erhe one: an other my felf to fey.
And ech one to other: (I hope,) like wife knit.
Let be all as one: entring this one tourney,
Anter the path, as we may pas thosow it.
One depe enduction wherto: fuged in my wif,
Is to fee rath deedes rathlie done here. For fuch,
Dane bndone all: in our like case, beric much.

One of which banngerous beedes (bnber correction,)
we do in this beede: thank thus to death to draw.
without acculation or detection:
whereby might appere anie colour of law:
To kill him. This lo doth my confrience gnaw.
And yet more: the nombre here in ire fo furd,
That they wold have him hango, and not speake one wurd.

Which desde: if we do, wheare are our like moniturs: Airst to apprehend an ant undetected: Wy any colour, that anie worde consturs.

To be either detected, or full pected:
And not onlie strength unto deth, directed:
But dy, not fustrid to speake, defame of us.

That perpetual tromp, will blow: in shame of us.

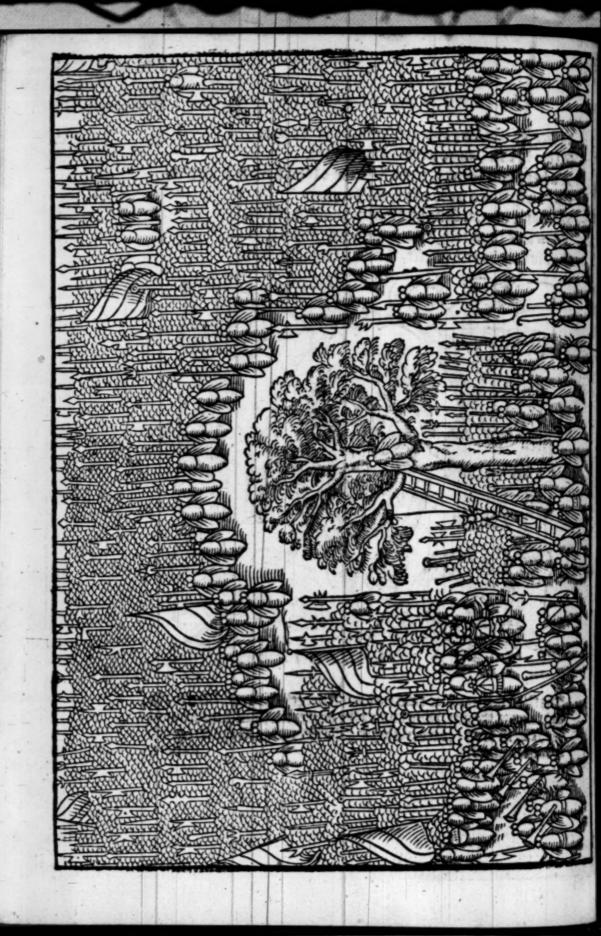
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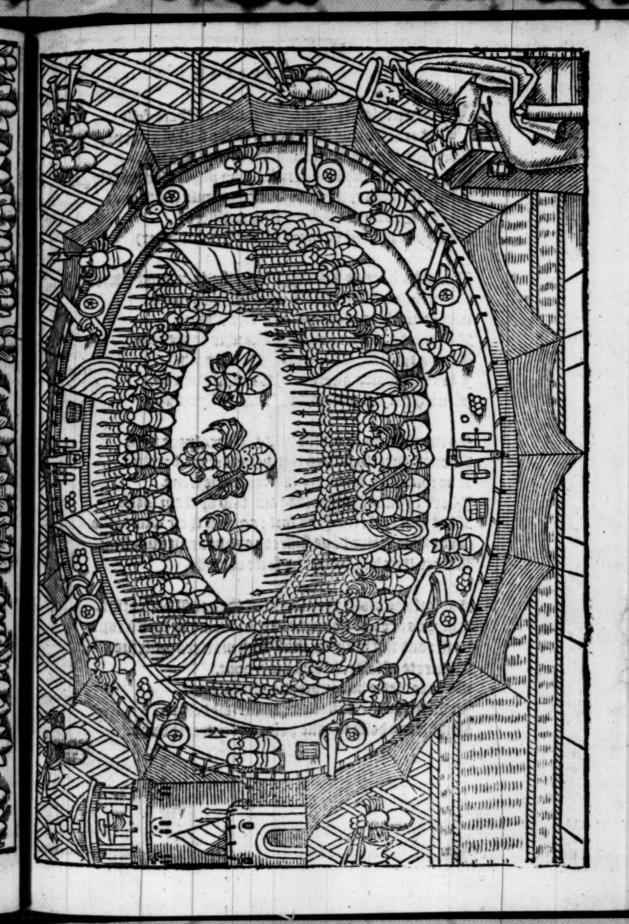
noher of for bs (and not for him) as I leide:
I few to you, as he hath lewde to mee.
To here him speake, which speche of you herd and weeds,
as you halbe a grede, so thall I a gree.
To hang him: or saue him, as we cause thall see.
This tale thus tolo, downe the sie againe sitth,
and where he erst did sit, theare he agapne sitth.



The flies former fine tale, nowhit sturreth the grose flies to the hearing of the ant. Wherepon the butterflie (that was an arbiter) flecth into the tree: laboring the flies to have the ant heard speake cre he die.

Cap. 55.





Ilith this: a chirme in mumering there fell:
Amont them all. They in flocks flocking anone,
Dere and there a flock: like fort to like. To tell,
They minds And fum preploe fum dispreploe the tale gone
this tale thowth this fire hones and wife (faith one)
the is a false flattring flie (septh another)
the says well: but he ment ill (saybe some other)

Ahant hath bribid him: (quoth one) he is corrupt fewre. An ant bribe a flic (quoth an other) wher with: With one of his eggs, that is a fore alewise. A tempt a flie, nave (quoth one) this is the pith: We is a fpie: for the ipiders (Freuen fith)

I herd no worde (quoth one) to full pect him by.

(Duoth one) all his wordes found full piccoully.

So manie hebs, to manie witts. There were lene.
Thonest flies: that flies tale, hones he did brooks.
The contrarie tooks his tale contraris clene.
There by sum sies words: and saw by they looks.
That thill sort: the good sort: against their wils tooks.
Bood flies wolde have suffred: and have sit euin kill: Rather then have risin: by sorce of thyll.

But forth he mult (they fap) that the deutil doth drive, Thinges are not wrought: by woloome in fuch a rout will: and not wildom, mult fuch matters contriue. All fuerte of fafte, to bring in a dout. Dr to fet fafte undoubtedlie Duight out, In which fafte: fuch flies: as fat fall before, Mult leave hold: to take hold, on contrarie types.

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They being now dreuen, they must be as they thall.
And not as they wold, and for this case in hand,
Liang the ant forthwith; crive the must nombre all.
The blont bufferthis; that arbiter had stand,
which into the free; as feerle as a free brand.
And at filence had: byon the trompets blast,
De must blow his blast. De els his hart must brast,

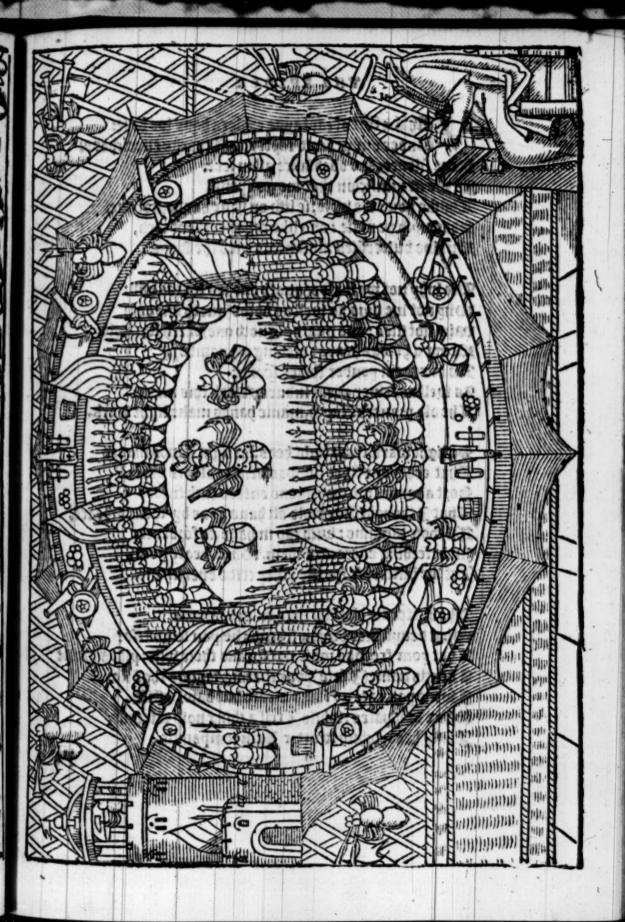


The butterflie (to get thant to beheard) telth his tale in such rube maner and matter, that anone he setth them all (welnie) together by the eares. But bypon his grose tale grosely tobe, (much more lyked then the flies finer tale) thei graunt to here the ant speake.

Lap. 56,

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Valhat a fort of captagne coblers have we bere: Under our graund captegne, I charge everichmes Repe litence, and obediance all in fere. In the circumficion that we go brone, Thinke you: the victorie lith on your hands, not one. Shapmyth ye maie: and like capon cockers cock, But we butterflies must heare bide the shock,

And why not we walps (quoth one) as wel as you:
why not we does as well as bothe (quoth one doe)
why not dies: and gnats: (quoth one) of ech lost now:
Weing a hewge heape: ercding all nombos,
Ao overcum yonder spider senso:
As well as sewer great luburs, Mark this mark:
The old proverbe sayth, mante hands make light wark.

So light wark they, light heds, to, light hands made: That ech wons light filt was bent to others eare, So,t agayne lost: they anone entred luch trade, That I thought they wold all have gone by thears theare, All their captaine: with cap in hand, to fosbeare: In beleching entreated them. Which heate gone, Let the butterfile speake: they cribe everithene.

The butterflie blontlie thus entred agayne.
What deuyll flies be you freends be you to halfile!
That your freends maie not speake their wils: plat & pleint A deutls name [I saie) your chating toungs chassile.
I wene you eate no skins meate but daw passile.
Weace dawpates: while I tell a thing now resount,
In my head, which to biter I am compounts.

pe wold have the ant hangd, before he be hard.

for that thinke you woll polifie. As from my dere:
pe maie not here him first: and hang him afterward:
But everie sie thinking him felse Goode now here,
wheare this ant standth, and at hanging even as nere,
hould it not fing him like stang of an adder!
To thinke to be turnd without speech from this ladder,

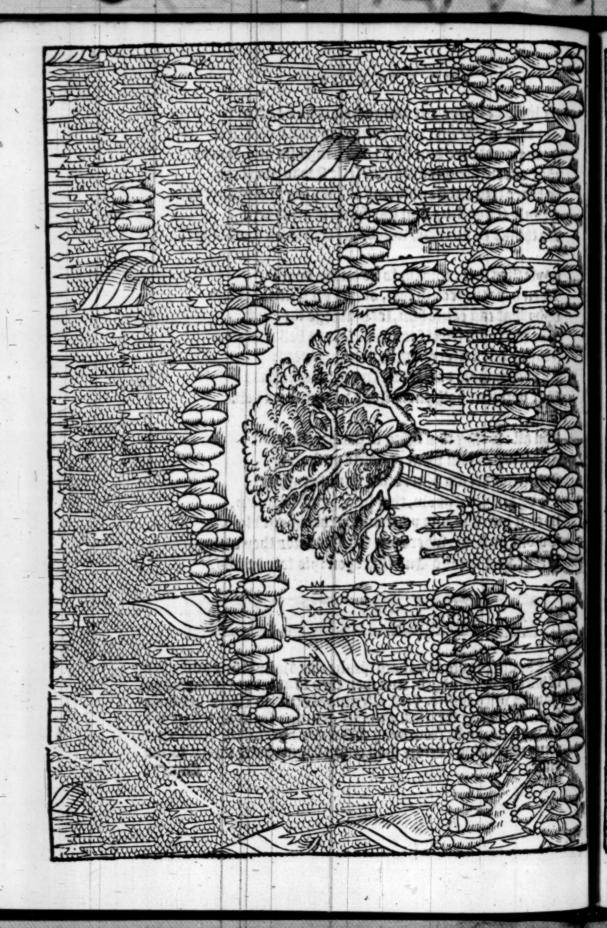
mople flies faie: it is fin to lie on the deufl Then here the trouth told, of this prefent poore ant. who that can cause him, let him lege the eurll. But my soule from sauathin: flive to hell a flant: If he in our bitterment, showd anie want: Of confhinable diffrancie. In his woords dolf: But between both parts flood byright as a bolt.

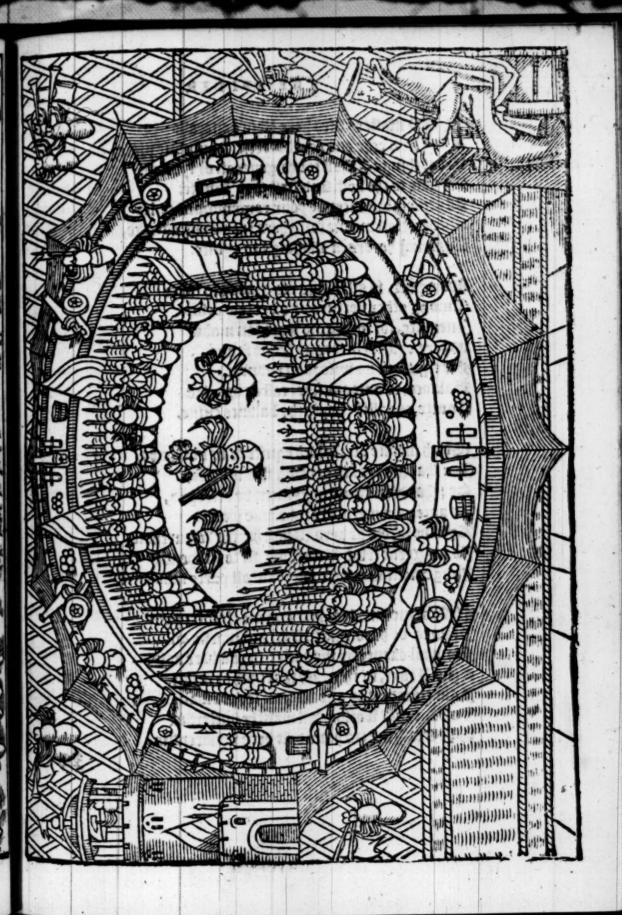
Pon all; weing this thing in ponderathin, In hering of him what equaltie pe thow: And in not hering him: what flaunderathin: To be all: thall grow, that fince ye all do know, wey it quicklie, and your minds therin out blow. Downe he flew: wher spon the flee faide they wold, Bere thant speake And therbyon this tale he told.



The ant prayth to be herd speake thorowlie before anse part of his tale be adsudged. And then they to adsudge the whole as standth with equite. First allegings better to cleare himselfs from offending the flies. Pinallie genings them (as it semeth) freends counsell, (touchyng this strife) grounded voon this common laying: before thon ought begin, have an ive to the ende.

Cap. 57.





Mp masters sties here all in generall:
And eche one perticulerlie: I humblie prate,
what things I shall touch, generall or speciall:
To take to the best. And first that I mate:
As remembrauncer of your remembraunce, ley
One special means sorth here: remembred to be,
Drawing herers in all things to equite.

And equite, in all things: to give of to take:
(Among other vertues) is a vertew pewee.
Inequite, for wrong, no wate can make.
Where equite, is let and letled lewee,
For equite in no wife may endure:
Balance, to ante one lide, call of dreuine.
Equite, equallic: kepth the balance entire.

Which meane: for which equite to be obtepude,
Is: that herers: in hereing this mi cale,
Se: that diffinitive indgement be refreque,
In anie part therof: to take anie place,
Tyll the whole be herd. which hering to purchase,
Is my great seint. Beserhing all to suspende:
Judgement in everse part: till all parts take ende.

First forme: wert for you and me: last for your I few to be hard. And first for me, marke all. From all offence by me done: to you here now, Syns I cam, in this case that doth here fall, I am clearde. By one buspect for parthall, I meane that worthipfull maister butterfile: Who trieth me: to have delt here indistrentise.

perfectly me fins I cam. And before I cam, plany flie (Jufile) to my charge can ley: In anie thing waying the wegght of a dram, 150 words, or deede: either open or princy: That suer I hart flie: ante maner wey, Then let my ponishment here: be so ample, That all ants may therby take an example.

But being clere lins I cam: and more favow:
Being clere till I cam: from woorde and deede til,
glas: why will ye bit! me, who hurth not yow.
hor never did hurt you, nor never will.
hor never can: though will wot ill fulfill.
This: for my felse lepte, (as for my felse proved,
I hope my felse fure: from harme by you moved.

secondly: for you and me both, this meane J.
Plye draw the blood of me: (thus innocent,)
As the los is small, so naught wyn ye therby.
But (as is saide) infamie of endles extent,
which paine fro me: and shame from you to prevent,
The safe saive for both sides: is this to decre,
kave you my life, and that saveth your honeste.

Third: and last poynt: nought for me, all for you; Brouping me, not only: you no whit to hate, Butmuch to love: a tale I le tell and a bow, which: you hering and following! in stedie state, khall stedie stey you, from harme in devate:

That hangth over your heds: much more than ye se, where so, you and not for me, (I say) here me.

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Among many prelepts philoloficall:
Benen to all persons: to take profet by,
for tyme: place: and case present, about all.
One serveth in sentence most singularly.
The woordes short: the matter long: the reason by.
which woordes and matter, on these woordes do depend.
Ere thou ought begin, have an eie to the ende.

This pure prefept: as all oft in woordes lep it:
If all oid to it, in effectuall deede,
So that our beeds did it: as our woords weilt,
Oh: what commoditee therby huld proceeds.
Our full felicitee: huld therbyon breeds.
As contrarily breedth: in contrary how,
Infelicitee: as we feelingly know.

Who wold begin a fray: and his to therin kill?
If he look to thend, that thuld hang him therfore.
I wene all the world, thuld be kept from all fil;
Rept we this letton well, in practiced lore:
To thend of beginning: to looke enermore:
Before we begin, for when we have begoon,
The leaving of lightly, is not lightly woon.

Small things begun: without looking to their end, Lum oft to ill end: great love, and icoperdee. Great things: begoon than: none Jie on thend takend, At (or ere) their beginning: we must agree: To be our much more discommoditee. As things: greatter and smaller: differ in life, So diffreth here: discommoditee likewise.

And of all our great thyngs:no one of more weyght, Nor therby more meete: thend therin to wey: At beginning, then is that bitter beyght: Of wrechid war. I he very locke and key, That lacketh and lockth be all, from quiet fley. Who that (in rathe roofe) beginneth to contende, the repenth beginning, ere be cum to ende.

It is a thingiright far be yond an ants reche: Lo blafe the plat of poylon: generaly: Det a broche by war, but thost fum to feche: warres harme: and good, kand bothe unspeakably. Both are (I say) unspeable for why, war hath done more harme: then tale of toung ran holds, war hath done no good, and nought can not be tolds.

war hath wrought such wo: that all ties comunity, and spyderseke. Of which two sortes I speake: Haning in all times had experiently, Of rashe beginning of war: the peace to breake, They seeing (in their war) their winning weake, woolde leese half the good they had: to peace to fall: Rather then severe in war: goods life and all,

And of both lostes in this cale, werted in war, flies have had ever caule: to militie war molle. When spiders and sties: have false at this lyke far, for quarels: wheren sties, might most their ryght bosse: who ever had the right, the sties the feeld loste.

To one score spyders stepne, sties stapne, twenty score. And much of their ofspring, lost sor evermore.

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Mohich thowth (as spiders calte, that no sedicion: Lan have good succes. In the interior: By Noburne war, but by humbyll peticion: Kor thing interior, or exterior. Ilies must set to the spider superior. They take this as a full hold: not to be remiss, well framio sies, wyll sustre and not resiss.

Flies weeks in wars: in time past: yfflies revolue, Dow spiders copwebs: flies sepultures have beene, Pour wise quiet retire, thall this war disolve. But yf smart of time past: be forgoton cleene, Last Jye to parell, at Jye presentice seene. Thew yonder copweb castell: with endstrent sye: And marke whether ye be markt endstrentlye.

Behold: the batilments in everie loope: Zow thosdinance lieth: flies fer and nere to fach. Behold: how everie peece: that lith there in groops! Zoath a spider gonner: with redy fired mach. Behold: on the wals: spiders waking ware wach. The wach spider: in the towse a larum to firthe, At a proch of any number, showing war like.

Se thenprenabill fort: in enery border. Zow enerie spider: with his weapon both stand. So thorowise harnest: in so good order: The capitall spider: with weapon in hand. For that sort of swaters: so manfully mand. With copwebs: like casting netts: all flies to quell, My hart shaketh at the sight; be bold; it is bell.

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Against whole Arength there, your weaknes here behold.

Sum have harnes: most have none: all out of rep.

Capitaynes: practiced: politike and bold,

few or none have ye: this armie to convey.

But eche in others neck: as theepe Aarta Arey.

Ordinance meete for the thip, ye bring to the feelds.

But force without aree: winth victorie feelds.

And put cale: that of you fortie thouland file: Thirtie thouland: Chall scape, and his window win, pet: if ech one of you: in him selfe surmise: That he chalbe one: that chall die entring in, what one file (of all files) wil that aute begint No one, but that one that from home now come, Shall thinks him selfe wises, that sones goth home.

But to die all: and in this window nought geyne: De that: layde practice of time past: allewath ye. To venter life: and fuster deth, are thinges tweyne. Thentring of life, to be the right, of the we. But to benter life: where deth hath certente, for these kinds of right: to die: while ye may line, No wise sie will: but right rather over give.

But if your harms of time past: be forgoten, warning of present harms: at present time take. Of which two measures: if none may be moten, Time past, nor time present, (of which two I spake,) Let the third: time to cum: be meane, then to make. Weying that in time to cum. The end must cum: To one end of soure, which folow here in sum.

After

After this war begoon, either both parts thall:

Aake ende with condition: as both part? can gre,

D; continew in war, time perpetuall:

D; the flies (by the spiders) conquered thalbe,

D; the spiders conquered by the flies. Now se:

Dow: in sche one end of these sowies thall a rise,

Paynfull perclus penuries, to all flies.

First: if ye after a time had in conslickt:

Aake ende with the spider: by composition,
Beside the sies: that to death shalbe addickt:

Ahe survivers: shall recepue such condicion:
At the spiders hand: as the distribution:
Shall make sies at end: bid fie on their winning,
And after that end; repent their beginning.

Second: this war:continuing continually,
Euery yere, moneth, weeke, day, how, e, euery minuter
Many flies thall die. and all may feare to dy:
What flie can befure: one how, es life terecute:
At poyntes of all weapons, ener had in purfute.
In budoughted death: and doughtfull deadly life,
This ende theweth small diffens, where reason is rife:

Ahiroly: yf the spider do conquere you life, what so ever sie then: him selfe best be hauss!

The best and the worse: all in one rate shall rise.

Now frank free franklin sies, then all vile bonde saues.

Now sie in light windowse, then sit in darke caues.

Hies beginning war: ending thus, they shall clere,

Abeir hell or purgatory, begin enine here.

The fourth: pf you flies thall the spider conqueare,
Then thall all spiders go to wearke first: no dout.
Ind after thall the flies folow: ever twheare.
When flies have kild spiders: that frey the rewderout,
Then flie against flie: commun cutheote moste stout.
Houre endes: in this one war: thow (thone and thother,
The last being worse,) ech end wors then other.

In time past: time present: and in time to coome: Lins ye have woon: do win: not thall win here ought, Beter wende your thip a loose: and take sea roome: Then roon here on rockes, and to thip weak be brought: It is to ser set: and server to dere bought: To set: and bye thinges: with no les los in strines: But with los: both of all your livinges and lives.

Here have I layde my minde: bnder principles leid.

first: desiring you to here me thorowly.

Ere ye sudge any part, of what I should thew.

And then to sudge me, by equite equaly.

where have in this case sewde I.

first sor me, nert sor you and me, last sor you.

Of which proses a brigge, brefe pith apportinate.

forme: the flies and butterflies tales: I weeder
To my discharge. Sins I cam: of all offence.
And before I cam, my discharge my selfe legde.
Wherin: my case being giltles inosence,
for you and me, both in reson and consiens.
To saue both sides byright, this counsell I gaue.
Pou to saue my life, your honesse to saue.

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For you and not me: in your prefent quarell, On this principle, my hole talke bid depende. Gre we ought begin: namelie thing of parell, willoom wilth bs, to have an Iye to the ende. In parelus quarelus case: to contende: Chiestic this: in time past: present; and to cum, You ye sped: and be like to spede, I shoud the sum.

But to end at beginning: you calling Iye,
At this poose counsell: of poose Antonie ant,
Of thap and good wit small: of good will great and bye,
I half recoyle. Boying here thall be no want:
Of equite: in my bischarge this instant.
Which I humbly pray: and so to end to fall,
I say no more: but the great God save you all.

This done: a noyle began of luch a huzzing, Ech one flie blowing in an other flies eare, As if ten milions of flies had ben buzzing. And all: by this tale so affonive in feare, That most of them: their weapons could scansly bears. Thanks persuations: in drede of beth: Grake them so, That hundreds crive oute, home a gayne let bs go.

with this mounter graund captagns the great bragger:
was much a maled, and vengeably vert.
To be these flies now: so unitedly stagger,
So late so redie: to bring their foose perplert.
This time (thought be) should give warning to the next.
Plus scaped this: at all times to be ware,
with faint fond sices, to fishe agains a warfare.

AND THE PLIE

De be gan to call : that in commun knowne gifee In all like immults : that files bo thus procure: Of limple files, most are pardned that thus rife. But captaine files (as be is now) are hange furs. Of which prefent daunger, to put delate in bre. De wound into that tree: and filence woon, The files tencorage agains, this be be goon.

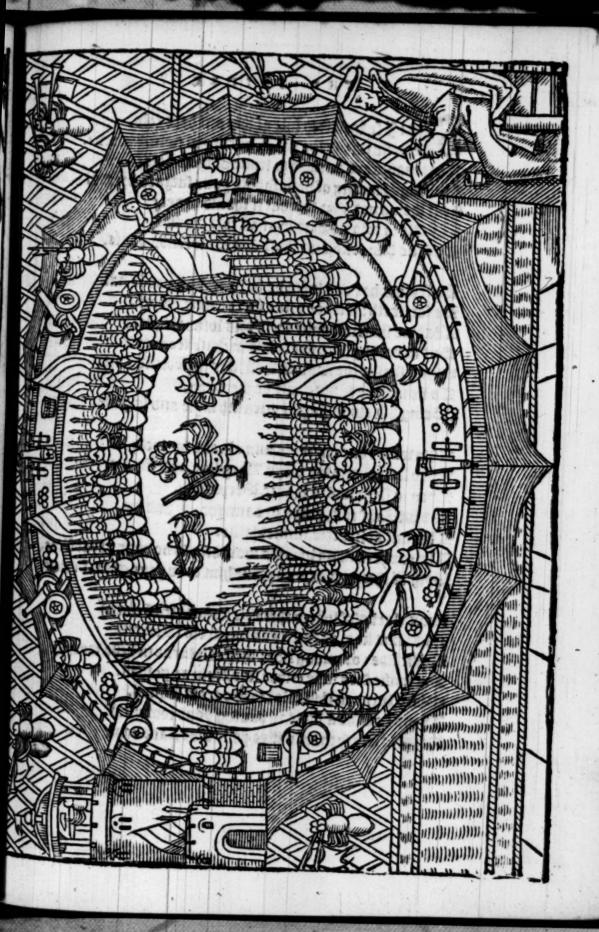


Thant hath let the flies in such seare of the spiders, that most are redie to ronne a waie. whom to state, the captaine flie deviseth thant to set the spiders in like feare of them: by a tale tobe on the same grounde that he tolde this: in paine of hans ging at his returne.

Lap. 58.

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Sirs: I le well this tale of this ant here told,
To palle this lesne parel, putth you in luch dreeds,
That manie are minded to leave of their hold.
As though leaving of now, should your lasgard breeds.
As it thould not Mor for that it thould in bede,
Wis tale is told nowhit. But all told for this.
To save him selfe, and those spiders freends of his.

De feeth what and white he faith. which you fe nat. De fozelesth: if feare drive is to ronne awaie, That we that not onlie leefe this window plat, But in fleezing, like fleafe kild in chafe from raie. Which thalbe (he knowth well) our leyferlesse daie: To be taylers to ants, and he therbron, (Being his owne Zayler) breakth tayle and is gone.

This wate: our enemies win all, and we leefe all.

They laugh, and we wepe. They live, and we die.

They in fame, we in hame. Perpetuall.

And without coff, paine, o; daunger, by and by,

This ant at libertie, immediatile.

Thus: where that's woords thow him to be your great frice,

Pyth of thants woords: prove him to be your great frence.

Sum clarks (of whom this little ant not least clark)

Lan: fine lies: as finelie as fine trew tales, tell.

Right live: 02 wrong live: they can turne in erhe woork,

And make flies take either live, trew as gospell.

Shich turne in this tale: to apperen sequell,

I have decise a wate: (having your consent,)

Dere it: and speake to it as your bress are bent.

As this ant clarklie (or craftelie here,)
Hath call manie making milts before your iyler
Of much bread by much daunger, here to a pere,
ho: byon his life or deth, let him deutle,
Ulpon the same ground: that your feare doth a rife,
a speech to the spiders. Ao show what depe dreads,
he can draw or drive, in to their harts and heads.

which ground is this. Ere anis wight ought begin, Haue an Iye to thend. The wife wight fayth: (fayth he,) wherin: (to mach the feare that you be now in,) If he bring spiders: in as much seare of ye; as he hath brought you in seare of them to be,
Then at returne pardon him. Goods, life, and land.
Which if ye do not, then hang him out of hand.

Be it so cried all: then sayd this one that all leades, Lhoose softie sies: to gard this ant that here stands. Twentie: whose hands we trust moze then their heades. And twentie: whose heades we trust moze then their hands, All of hart trustie: both power and polisis bands. And soz feare of fals measures: among all theese, bend sum, that sumwhat leave behind: loth to leese.

This layd, and thant two me, his belt here to be bent, Anharold with trompet: and truce baner spleyde: for their safe conduckt, to the spider they sent. The spider: warnd watch, to se their cuming Reyde, It should (to his honour,) be reproche he sayde. To treate with traytors: in order of arms, But of grace, he graunth them to sum without harms.

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The harolo and that reffe: to the captaine file: And all flies, the spiders pleasure did declare. Wherwith: to garb thant, they chose out flies sortie. Whome: while they were choosing, one cople thate: Awo flies of bylic wit: as songy flies are, Hell to beaming: by contenture to thow, What should: in this mesage, and mesenger, grow.

Dow leist thou my frende (quoth thous the) to this gere! what wolvest thou give to have the Ants office now: Beue (quoth thother sie,) not paring of a Bere. Not I (quoth he) but wolve rather make a volv, To leave all that I have, and live at the plow: Then takeit, whats thy minus therin (quoth thother?) That thalt thou here (bering this, quoth he) brother.

If so fall: that thant bringe not spiders in feare,
Then seth he him felf hanged: at cuming againe.
And bringing spiders in seare: when he cum th theare,
De is in damager, of the head spiders distaine.
Which is a nother death. And to scape both twaine,
I take it to be, a bilie, peece of warke.
And to shoote at, a croked crabio marke.

for both thele cales (quoth thother flie) put cale: In either cale of both, thant, beth do enfew. Pet in which cale of both weth thall first take place, That will thant labour, for and wost, to eschew. Whose first parell: in handes of be flies to beto, It thall enfore the ant: in all the force he may, for seare of beath by flies: the spicers to fray.

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AND THE PLIE

Note (quoth thother flie) to this, this objection,
Nature in the spiders and the anticopneth nie.
which: shall make thant seperd much: by affection.
In spightful woozdes: to comfort spiders spightfully.
Rather then discomfort them: thus searingly,
I have seene sum, that sor this like cause by sood,
whose crastic coucht tales, have done more harme the good.

They have done to (quoth thother) and they do to.
where feare is small, by penalte being small:
But where penalte (as here) to death doth go,
In the ants like tales: few trip: or none at all.
Manie say oft, honger perseth the stone wall.
But honger and seare: where both cum in like bre,
feare perseth: as depens honger, make ye sewre.

The father his forme: and the forme his father:
The wife her husband: and the husband his wife:
The brother, his brother, all these we gather:
To have seene: (compeld by seare,) where seare was rise, Bewrey, and be trey exhother. In seare of life, beeld se we: so naturall a foolish kind elf, 18ut he will hang his father ito save him self,

Off (quoth thother) tys to, sum times ofherwise.

Of fles condemd, the father and some, both have:

Upon their knees: sewde with flowing watred Jyle:

Eth him self to be hango: the other to lave.

That sute (quoth thother fle) is no comon slave:

But in his apparence: so strange a stranger,

That his presence (this time) will bring no daunger.

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But confrarie: in these like frozmes we se off,
where ants, spiders, or aies, thants like tale must tell,
Dr they in auctorite: fort op a lost,
Ant for that their setters op: trust their truths well,
But (as this ant) made instruments at parell:
There shall feare orce them: for feare of suspicion,
To sticke fast, to treir forsers disposicion.

They wot (or they weene,) that they be watched to,
That if they be but suspect: to wring a wrie,
They be busone: I would rather choose my so,
To be my sudge: in case subsciallie:
Then my freend, in this fearfull forst state: for whie,
feare of sorcers shall force him: more eive to rate,
To his foe: whome they love, the his friend: wham they hate.

Pee lay well (laive thother) but I ley to this, Saive suspected loztes: in feare of auctorite, Not withstanding: suspition danngerus is: Pet sum, in faction or affection welle, Drother corruption, so affected be, Though life he byon it: yet by meane direct, So moireet, they woork their affections effect.

And to for this ant: our toole caute of talk now.
What ever othe in promite: he for feare make,
To bring spiders in feare: to bring them to bow.
Pet: either for natures: or affections lake,
I feare, he will willie the wrong wate take.
And I hope (quoth thother) his present parell,
Shall stiffe freme him, to strengthen our quarell.

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AND THE FLIE

Pou feare here the worlf, and I hope here the belf.
pou feare here the worlf, and I hope here the belf.
pou in which feare: and I in which hope, let be lit,
filentlie tyll practice by profe have express,
In what scope (for what scape,) the ante tale hall rest.
The other sie beyng a greede buto this,
To se this end, both attend as meete now is.

This talke doone, fortie flies (and thant with them flew bireight to the spider: before whom thant now standes. But how thant fleeth now, that shall essoone ensew.

The spider was garded: round about with bandes.
Sauing: a lane, made with tipsfaues: and other wandes.

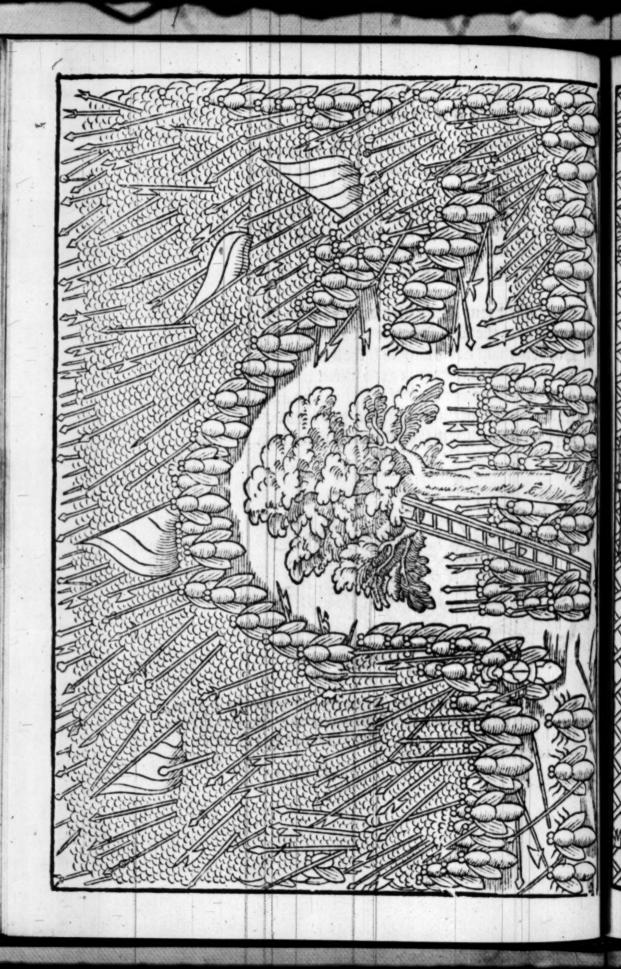
That thant to the spider: in bering and show,
Myght saie (as he did saie) at curtise made sow.

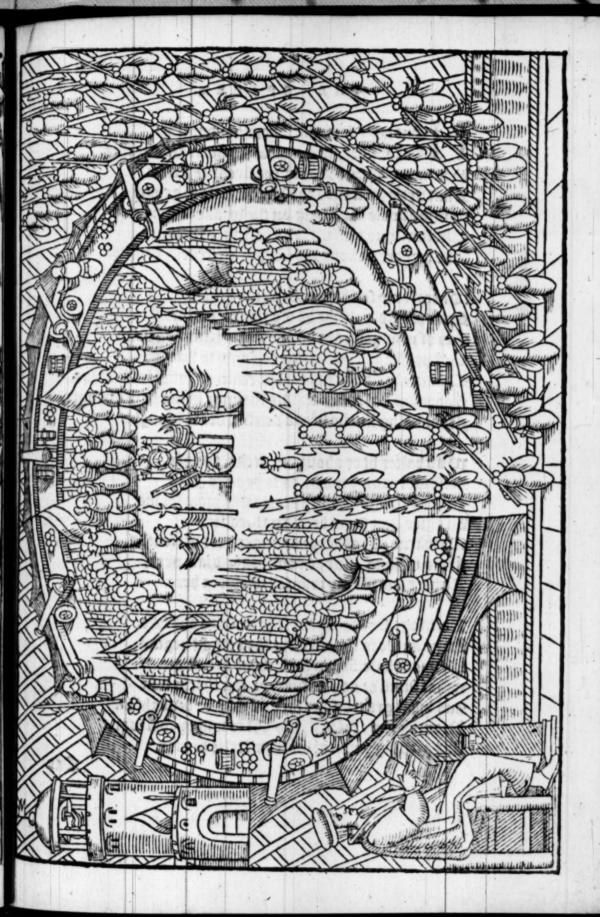


Thant after entre in talke (before the hed spider) he to hym, and all the spiders (byon this saide grounde: ere thou ought be gin: have a spe to the ende,) inucyth what he can to set the spiders in searc of the slies.

Cap. 59.

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Honozable for male it your honour like:

To consider: that in affaires meare mundelne,
Politie: and power: do not the froke so firske:
That firtse (at Caues end) sor victorie or geyne:
winth alwaie the frong, on the weake tobteyne:
But sumtime we see: fortune, hap, or chaunce,
The weaker: about the Conger, in firste a baunce.

Mherof: my felthere mirrour to behold, Sum politie, politike heads thinke I have. And of your powize at hand. Might have ben bold. But politie and powize: my felf now to fave, Lhaunce wold not fuffer: but chaunce both awate drave. Sodennesse of chaunce: this chaunge in me hath wrought, From liking livelie life, to dolefull death brought.

With halter here about my necke, as ye le. Respight have I woon, to se you ere I die, for two things. One to prate all to prate sor me. An other, (as I am bound naturallie:)

To warne all: of deepe daunger here presentlie. At the, in hand. But he your heads draw nere,

To here and ble my counsell following here.

This lage laying, the wyle have laide and laie. Dane an iye to the ende, ere thou ought begin. Of this debate: begon then, thend here wate. What small or no pleasure, ye can therin win. And what great displeasure, ye may be brought in. Orong you: (at best) nought to win by this war, and prousing you: (at worst) betterlie to mar.

AND THE PLIES

One point of foure, this Arife cumth to of neede.

Lither: after Arife: tagree by a greement,

D; eucr to Arive and never be a greede,

D; you to subbew the Aies: by the swoozds dent,

D; the Alies to conquere you, by force feruent.

How: If this beginning. Chall furder begin,

Last a line to thend, and mete what ye shall win.

first: tagree after time of strife tasted, In meane time: on both sides the mostalitee, Pour copwebs, theys cotages, worne and wasted, All windowes barant: of most fertilytee. All from good order, to simfull civilitee. The best end (for both sides, being extented, The beginning (on both sides) thatbe repented.

Pert: to contine in perpetuall Arife.

Burgatozie that (nay that is hell (lay I,)

Better deade, then ever live in feare to loofe life,

As both fides Chall live: evermoze dyingly.

Still Acrting from Aeape, all Aeapt with waking fye.

I better like mine end: looking for end Areight,

Then thus upon this endles end: Aill to weight.

Third: if you in subjection the flies subdew,
Thacount bringth small gaine: to that end wedded:
All slies ye can not kill: what shall then ensew?
As manie as ye keepe in dred, to be hedded,
So manie you dread: then who is most dredded.
One slie put in seare, putth you in seare of ten.
Tell here your cardes, and tell what ye win then.

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fourth

Sourth: if the flies conquere you, oh dreofull dape, Dead in halfe a days: pe thatbe everie one.

Of the three other wayes: in everie one waye, 280th fides (in effect) like ill: end byon.

But in this fourth, (feare wherof is my most mone) where all flies thall win all: and bravelie bost all, All spiders shall lease all, and spiders be lost all.

If ye replie here: and fale flies (to this date)
Neuer wan this way: but ever in loss lapt:
In recopner: recogning with you, this I sale.
Dit hapth in one houre, that before never hapt.
As it hapth me this houre: with flies to be trapt.
And that this is more like to hap this present,
Then it erst hath bene, mark this present bend bent.

See (I saie) ethone his death here (as who saye. Hive thousand spiders: on thone side to sight, Against sistis thousand sies, (oh fearfull fraye). A heape to a handfull. The more side so light: The less side so heuse: tis a heuse sight: In sondre respectes. Wherin no one of anse. Hearthe me so much, as so sew: to so manie.

Were they all cowardes, as thei are hardie file. Not the least file there: but he dare bite his bit, On the greatest Ore: that in the thambles life. No weapon but the flap, thall make him thens file. Of the which weapon: spiders can skill no wit.
But though files: but cowardie flacke to the helme, Pet must the numbre: this copweb overwhelme.

AND THE PLIE.

Ten to one (in war) an bumeete matched match.
They will marche on, as thick, as motes in the foon.
Ten thousand (in a moment) if ye dipache,
Twentie thousand mo, boon speare poinct will room.
The desperate, dreadth: nother byll, bow, nor gon.
And what gaine you? to kill flies thick as motes?
The rest entring on you strength, and cut your throtes.

and though they gette: that manie of them Challois.
pet: if ech one think fure that scape he Chall,
as I think, all so think: allewredie.
Then that perswalion, Chall perswade them all.
Echone with other, Areight in Arise to fail.
who mais be sozmost his: with cozage hawte,
Thouset to give, this castell to assawte.

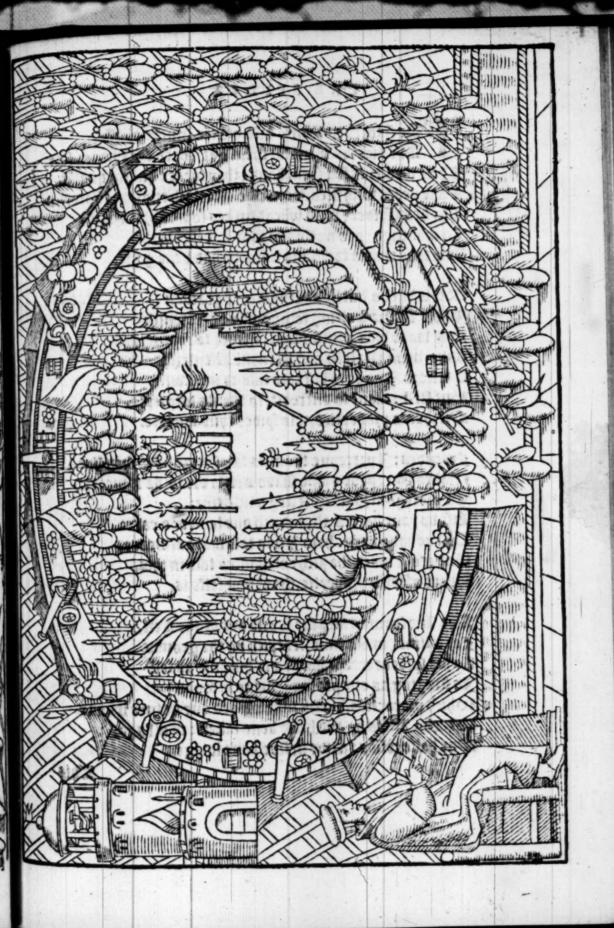
Pour wildome: and your wildoms all: I know. Much moze: can here consider. Then I can How beit good will, wilth me: warning to thew, Offarme to cum: in this begoon to scan. Befoze the end, what thend mate be, and than, To see the worst, to fall (as you thinke best,) At sum poinct with the sites, to be at rest.



That having brought the spiders in great feare of the multitude of flies, the head spider taking egreate displeasure with the ant for the same, he answereth thantes tale so that he bringeth all the spiders in corage agapne. Geninge (in his owns name and all theyrs,) defiance to the flies.

Lef iii





The spiders at thants tale, we are muche abacht.
The sies (as thant set them out) feard the spiders soze
Their weapons sell from hand: they we are quight qualit.
Take peace with sies, they cride. At which rumozus roze,
The head spider (with wheat tuskes somde like a boze)
In that rage: had not his honour line therone,
Dad thant had a thousand lives, he had bene gone.

At this hurlie burlie, that spider le graund: In his cheyze fretting sewziouslie he frownith. Dis looke was commission: silence to commaund. Wherboon: statelie and Kernelie he entrith: A discozs. The ants last told tale to meetwith. But first: thant to discredit, to thants dispreyse, On thants properties, this spider thus inneyse.

Freendes: I percepue the ants tale (more false then fine,) Makth you: your owne hadowes to dread (as it weare:) To profede in war. But frey a little tine: Lift by your hartes all, and ech one lend one eare: Tyll ye have hard: how I this tale that answeare. But ere I touch the pith: of thantes tale in this, Deare of what propertie, thant him selfe is.

The Ant (cumme into the world out of the thell,)
for a time (in his time) creepith on the ground.
As we spiders creepe here: and his pitte as sell
In thinging as our poplon (welny is found.)
Which properties, woork him toward our nature wound.
Wherby Intes be and have bene taken: in all age,
Our halfe cosins: a lide in side halfe image,

AND THE FLIE

This time, is the Ant, the creping ant named.
In time after this time, he to more time growne, winges both he gather. And thole in him framed, The Rieing ant: thenliorth he is cald and knowne.
Then disperts his nature, in two natures throwne.
The pertilipateth, with both these in this wise.
A creper with spiders, and a filer with file.

when he crept hither first (at my request heare,)
I was disepued in his age. (As the deuts wolde.)
I thought him to young to have winges, by a yeare.
But now, he wingo with sies, his steing tale tolde,
Doth show him old ynsugh: and a yeare to olde.
Marke this creeping Ant: fins wings wownd him a lost,
Low he pleyth on both handes: as Juglers do oft.

De cozageth the flies now, discozaging bs.
I ut didf thou not erst, promise me otherwise?
Dere: is thant brought to a narow streight, as thus.
If thant tell the spiders: how he fraide the flies,
Then seeth he his death, at flies handes: streight a rise.
And if he saie he cozague the flies, that sie,
khall make the spiders hate him, without cause whie.

Thant: having to this demaund: good answer none, hone answere made he: but stoode still silently. Lo (quoth the spiver) is not thant a good one: were he charged in law herwith: by and by, This obstinate silence, should show him gisty. Lut thant him selfe now: thus fer sorth disclosed, Cowe now to thants matter: erst preposed.

Dis great ground is this: (inheron the whole dependit). The withend of all, ere the beginning be woon. Wherin: if he a ledge here charge: that extendith: To be spiders, that we this war first begoon, That charge is wrong charged for that charge must roon; Unto the sies: for they enuaders here be. And we but defenders: as all iges may se.

And for the foure pointes: wherefore must then make; In three of which: he laide loss indistrentite,

To lot on both fides a like: I bnder take,
In few woordes: to prove that tale a lower lewe lie.
Ifirst: war here taken by conditionallie,
flies never woon end of bs: after beginning,
Wut flies (at end) ever bad fle on their winning.

The ferond :concerning war continuall:
In weat open feelde they, in drie warme house we.
Betweene these two plats, though the distance be small,
The distrence is great. Of the yeres sour partes: the,
Or two parts at leaste,) they can not trouble ye.
In winter, sommer sies no windowes keepe.
Under mens house eaues: like eaus droppers they creepe

The third point: in our conquering of the flies:
for fearing of all flies: that we make a frayde,
The foole, or the infant, that his shadow spies:
Wyll oftimes trie out in feare: calling for cyde.
But wifer foolk weing this, thus is it weyde.
Like feare to be had: on their conquered knaues,
As hath the great Aurke: feare of his galie saues.

AND THE FLIZA

Last, to the fourth: if sies thall spivers conquere:
Then are all spivers lost: as the ant saith surs.
Ind sies to (saie 3) but as touching that seare:
for time past, of practice: put memorie in bre.
for time to cum, let likithod you alure.
To serch that him of conquest: and ye shall se,
It never was, not is, nor never like to be.

from the beginning: it is in bookes to thow.

when flies (against spiders) have thus rebelled,

They: either had milerable over thiow:

In rebelling, or treight after refelled.

pamelie one: the which generalite swelled.

In flies against spiders, the time past six years,

which one (were there no mo) showth this rafe clears.

This time: land te. Wut chieflie, two nockes of life.

for religion: with furn other thing to that, and as work
One lost by east, divother by well: oto rife.

Of opinion, contrarie: as fer and flat,

As in outance, ech far from other in plat,

hone lost of both: to be in right faith elect,

All sies (faithfullie) did beloue or rontect.

Those flies ato much harme: fir or eight weekes anophige which time: spiders had finall reft, and those slies is the spiders copieds: went to wrack by diffroying: And flies welth wasted: to begerie from richeste forestore lasht out, in errocable excesse.

In this then growne, much lost so, being to get them in.

Low lookte flies here: to them we they on begin.

But

Wut what was the end of this? for loth even this.
The captayns, most hango. Soldiers, many flaine.
The rest (ought worth) geven in praie for pilagis.
So that (to this date,) they bid fie on the gaine.
Thus were these two lortes: of opinions twaine,
One of the twayne: in the right way to be thought,
woth brought to one end, and both brought to nought.

Which thowth; that where hies in matter of most right; Atempt tataine mater right: in maner wrong, There: their wrog maner, marth their right matter quight. Ho; spiders agaynst hies, great Gods law sandth frong. Which law (in leading hies) hath willed this long, Fou base inferiors to woorke your leades well, Dbey your superiours, be they good of yell.

And we as weake, as the ant hathmadepou deeme.

Pet should thill maner: in dies bere now had,
Set that God byon them; to strike strokes extreeme,
As by therample told, the show both well seeme.

Thus: for the sites ronquering of by this daye,
Goddes eyde all dayes before: takth all seare awage.

But put safe we had not (as the hane) the Godos elde:
But both fides: acording to force of our powers,
Shuld conquere or beconquered, or (as thant faide)
Dap hapth in one houre, as bath hapt in no houres.
Which he last a leaged, to schape our sharp showers.
With other his frame feares, of our consustion.
Pet: thant here to consute, became conclusion.

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AND THE PLIE.

In the later part of his faing (I fap)
he faith we mate be diffroise: as hap map fall.
and it must be graunted: that hap so fall map,
but graunt that hap so mate: ergo hap so thati,
That argument hath strength, like a paper wall.
May fall: and shall fall are fer different marks:
To thete at. But when the skie falth we shall have larks.

for the feare, that his tong tromp (to you oto fowne:)
By thus manie flies: to thus few spivers seene,
Letten flies with ten ares, one oke to hew downe.
That whe shall be backt at: a good while I weene,
Lett will shainke for flies: be it seare or greene.
And the leaste twig: that out of that Dhe can fall,
(The Dhe Canbing flil:) shall sea those ten flies all.

And so we Dke spiders: against these twig sile.
were they all great slies: as most of them be gnatts.
And to one of bs, fortie of them do rise.
Pet as the giantes pawes: pat downe dandspratts,
bo shall we put downe: these dandsprat brag bratts.
Their most nombre: with our most Grength to compare,
Booding prikes they, mylposts we: compare are.

And where he faith: though flies thinks manie shall dy:

pet: ech flie thinking him felf shall frape with life,

They will strive: who shall set on first: here sate I,

At end of that Grife: they entred in this strife,

The soole hardie flies: now most redie or rise:

To cum with the first: shall seele the taste so tough,

That: who cumth last: shall thinke he cumth time inough.

Thants tale (from point to point) now full answered, All force of our feare here: it wiping a wate, Tenforce you from feare: furber encoraged, Deare: and beare a wate: what I shall herin sais. A few woords, hille to your comfort this date. Which shall fet you all: as fer out of all feare, As the ant? tale set you all in feare: while eare.

Mark: all you: that in marking your enemies, Their force (and not your owne) do onlie behold, A deadlie dreadfull light it is: in your iyes. But on your owne force: your iyes being round rold: The felfe light of this force: thall you so enbold, That had you no weapons here: but hafill wands, Pet might ye rount, your enemies now in your bands.

Mark more: that your foes: in beholding you: Are Arikin in as deepe dread: your force to bew, As you are of theirs: which fetth both fides entine. now: Marke yet more: they have hwrog part, you have the treb. Against goods and manns law: this wrong thei pursew. Both which: so arike them: when they wold prevaple, That their atempt, ever hath quailo, and chall quaile.

So coward a spider: where can be sent one: That will not live and die: in this his knowne right, Shuld all spiders die: (as sew shall of none) Pet in this quarell, spiders go to blisse quight, And sies to bale, without respect of respight. Wherfore let the sies, the ants lesson atend: At their this beginning, to have sye to thend,

AND THE FLIE

And now (at end) dere freends all, pluck by your hartes.

Take your weapons in hand: and frand by againe.

Sticke to your takling: in this plat on all partes.

And as to: the fites, (their fare to thow them plaine)

when ever they cum, they thall cum to their paine.

Stand fifte to me, and frand fifte to you I thall.

flies and fites kin, we defie you traytours all.

The spider thus answering thanks tale at length: from popul to point: no popul therof smitted, All spiders: agains in full costage and Arength: Those flies to their flock: with thank agains ditted. Two of them (to the captaque knowne well witted: Tolie into the tree: he Areight commaundeth, And thank onto the ladder againe, southwith.

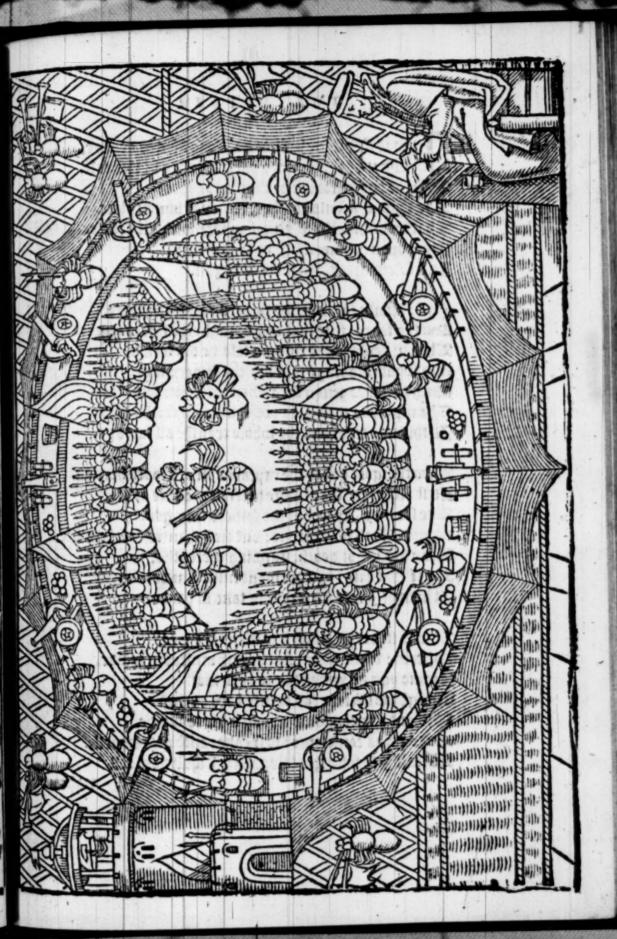


Expon befiace genin by the spider to the flies, the ant brought agains to the flies, maketh full report of all layde at the copbet. At end wherof, two flies argue wether thant have defersued life or death. By keeping or breaking former commant to bring the spiders in feare of the flies.

Lap. 61.

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Dat Captaine wild one of those flies to beclare, what had (since they parted) passed in this case. And if he ought addid: or minished thare, The Captaine wild thother, tentrupt him in place. That trewth: trewlie, might appear without deface. Wherepon the sie: assigned to saie than, In a solem order, the processe began.

And the feare: that that tale brought the spiders in.
Then in repeate, the spiders tale he did treate.
And what recorrage that did the spiders win.
With desiance given sies, their alie, and kin.
The captagne then art: you that went forth tell me.
Is this tale trew and the whole treuth: all saide ye.

Two thinges (quoth the captagne) are to touch here on.
first: whether thant have beserved to live or die.
The seconde, apeece of the spiders tale gon.
which I shall touch soone: but first thantes case lets trie.
Upon his life or death, standing presentise.
To se that case: by agreement fullie scande,
It being (I sate) first case to take in hands.

It is so in deede (quoth one flie) in the tree.
Wherin: while memorie keepeth matter in minde,
I praie you all parientlie to here me:
Cliprightlie declare (as equite both binde.)
Without affection: anie wrong wate to winde.
But enin as conscience: to speake: both me compell,
to thall I speake this tale, which I shall now tell.

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AND THE PLIE.

twhere I have heard wife flies talke: I have here letes, In weightie cause: weightie consideration.

And there no matter: more weightie to be welde

Then that: in which: byon consultation

Little life or death: in determination.

And presentlie present this Anta case: meane I:

To wate consideratelie, and indifferentlie.

whole life: of whole death: before we betermine which of both to determin: meete is to wey, your late determind condicion. pith wherin, was: that thant hould bring spiders in such like frey: Of bs, as he brought bs of them. and I faie: Behath done lo. So that in my conscience, Life and liberte must be have, to go bence.

And I fair nair (quoth the Air) in the tree by: He hath not performed that condition at full: To have his life, bath be not (quoth thother Air! To make profe a pere here: to witts quicke and bull: That performance will wer reason, if ye wull, where (quoth thother Air,) but all Airs give an eare, To one thing good for all: awair to bearc.

My brother die, (and I leeming here to varie: Woth being on one part: leeming on parts twaine: In that in this one point, we are contrarie: Eth one to other: It mais make you retaine: And detains a bout, whether we both remaine: Lonfant, on that part that we professe: 0; no. Wut here me survey here: ere we survey go.

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THE SPIDER INTOKA

Thargument of bs tweine, is onlie this one.

Concerning the condition toucht formerlie:

Lither by performance: or performance none,

Zow the ants defert francth, to hue or to bie.

Thant thould live fayth be, thant thuld die (fay 3.)

Now confider: that this prefent argument,

3s: to principall case, but an incident.

Dur cheife cuming is : on spiders to make war.

By cause we no way els, can obtaine our right.

Wherin: we some with you, without sote of lar.

This remembre I you of: to scrape out quight,
All boughtes of our trewth: in sudgement of beddes light.

Ho; this case: or like case in case: bled thus,

Showth mistrust in no wight: aniecase to discus.

And now we tweine to fatissie (as we can)

Dur sclues: and to se you the red satisside,
Aleage brother fire: what pe can berin scan.
Wherto, mine answere thall forthwith be applied.

Thanks life or beath: in our subgements to se tribe.

That shall (quoth the other fire without belay,

Lum in bre: as briefle, as it fulle may.

Thant (in his charged tale) to spiders told erf, Grounded thus: ere ought begin: have spe to thend. At end of thanks talke, spiders haves it so perf, That it stagard and consde all that hole bend. Weapons faine to ground . this out crie they extend. E haking of their headdes: and casting by their spess. Take peace with the sites, take peace with the sites.

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AND THE PLIES T

Thant made spiders of sies; as much a fraybe the,
as he made sites of spiders, in tale erst told.
I graunt (quoth thother site) in deede he did so.
Inherto you must graunt; that that feare ato not bold,
for spiders (forthwith) were agains brag and bolds.
Though they so were (quoth be) thant performes cumnant,
That (quoth thother site) for trew, I can not graunt,

There is (in thanks cumnant) further meaning ment:
Then the verie wordes therin fullie expresse:
To bring spiders: in seare of flies: by bond bent:
Is not all, that all flies looke fore: in surfecte:
But to bring and keepe them in that searefulnesse.
Wringing them in seare: not keping them in seare,
As fruitfull to sites, as paring of a peare.

To answere this quivite (quoth thother file)

pour can have no more of the fore but the skin,

The ant hath done all that he can possiblie,

To bring spiders in searc: and kepe them therin.

whose good will not wanting, though power cannot win.

Thing that good will wold win: yet is it not ill,

Rather then blame lacke of power, to thank good will.

Dut cale (quoth thother) thant outh you fortie pound.
Bound in obligation, to paie at a date.
At which date, he cumth to you (as he is bound:)
And where he should bring powre: fortie pounde to pale,
De bringth good will: and will pate you when he mate.
Whether wold ye more: (in this case of your)
Accept thants good will, or blame thants lacke of your.

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THE SPIDER CHA

What I wold be (quoth the other) I wold nat.
What what I hould be that right well I know.
Thant thewing full good will, to pale me that:
And that lacke of pour : without his faut did grow,
I hould in trobling thant: in confriens how:
A rigur. ye (quoth thother flie) but in law,
To what end: wold thants good will without pour date:

In this case (quoth he) communitate condemth thant.
In that the woodes of the bond, are fulfild no whit.
Dersomance wherest in thants case, hath no want.
Which make a pere to flies, of most simple wit.
In marking these woodes: of this cumnant here knis:
Thant (paine of death) thall bring spiders in like feare:
Of flies, as he brought flies, of spiders: here eare.

Thefe are (in thanks cumnant) the wordes in effect:
which bind the ant: the spiders in seare to bring:
But to keepe them in seare, no woord runth direct.
And commun law: commonlie in everiething,
Constrewth woordes, in their common plaine sence licing.
And that thank made spiders a fraide, ye do graunt.
Ergo, thank (by common law) hath kept cumnaunt.

Dow: to bring this cale in courte of conflence:
Declaring our meaning in these woordes: to ber
That thant should kepe spiders in searcful suspence,
Thant answering to this: that never ment he:
To be bounde: to that inconvenient decre,
The sudge (in this cale and place) must never affent,
with thants meaning (against ource) to gene subgeneent.

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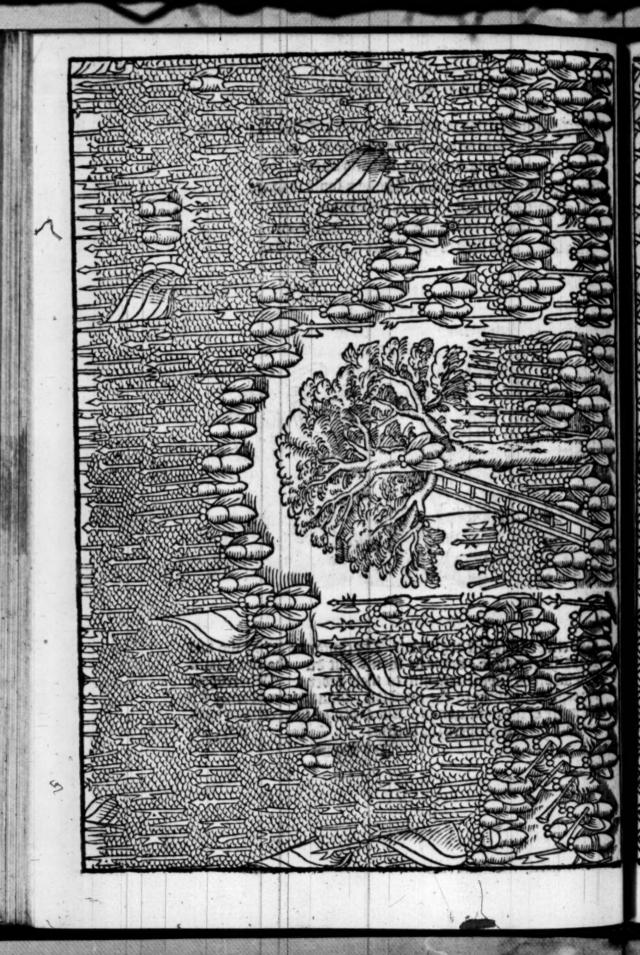
txt In law, conscience, and reason, as thinkth me, The velert of this ant, both his parbon crave. Landes, goods, bag, baggage, life, and liberte. Accends (quoth thother file) I have a soule to save: wherehon I proteast: I no malice have: To thank But in reason, I thinke he thould be. This saide, those files to their place againe did file.

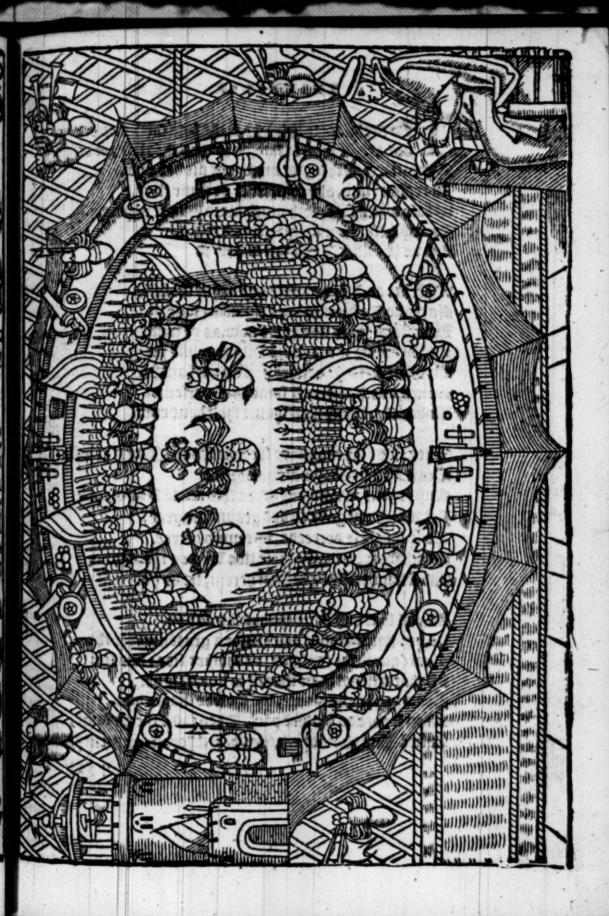


The captaine aring the ant what he can lape : where he should not die, the ant after a few woordes submitteth him to their order. Whereboon the captaine goinge to the question, the ant is condemde by the boyce of the most nombre. The captaine then willing hym to make his last prayers, he doth so.

Lap. 62.

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The captaine (to this) art thant how fayli thou?
What half thou to face, why thou houldle not bie here
The talke (quoth he) for me, by the fice had now.
In reason, law, and conscience, both me clere.
Whose which tale, both much more pithilic appere.
For my selfe, then if my selfe had told it.
And as he told it, I pray all to hold it.

Wherin: as I have kept commant at the full, So crave I of you, to kepe cummant with me. Dere kand I: to live or die now, as ye wall. But in killing me (a poore ant) what win ye: Dr what leefe I: neither profite nor honeke. Donek death, in honek fame, hall perfeuer. Unhonek life, buhonek hame hall have ever.

Then laive the captaine: freends though I now at will: Onlie by vertue of mine auctoritee: Might gene indgement here: this ant to lane or spill: Pet will I not gene it: but graunt to agree, To le this case decreede, by comun decree.
Which shalve tribe, by these two wordes: ye, and no.
And Areight to the question herein, let be go.

All you that will have the ant line, lay ye.

Pe, ye: (with a loude boice) cride a great number the.

Now (quoth the captaine) on thother live: lets lee:
All that will not have the ant to live, late no.

No, no: cride out manie, and thowde manie mo:
Then weare on thother part. Then laive the captaine,
Ant: of thine owne death, thou herest here judgement plaine.

AND THE FLIE.

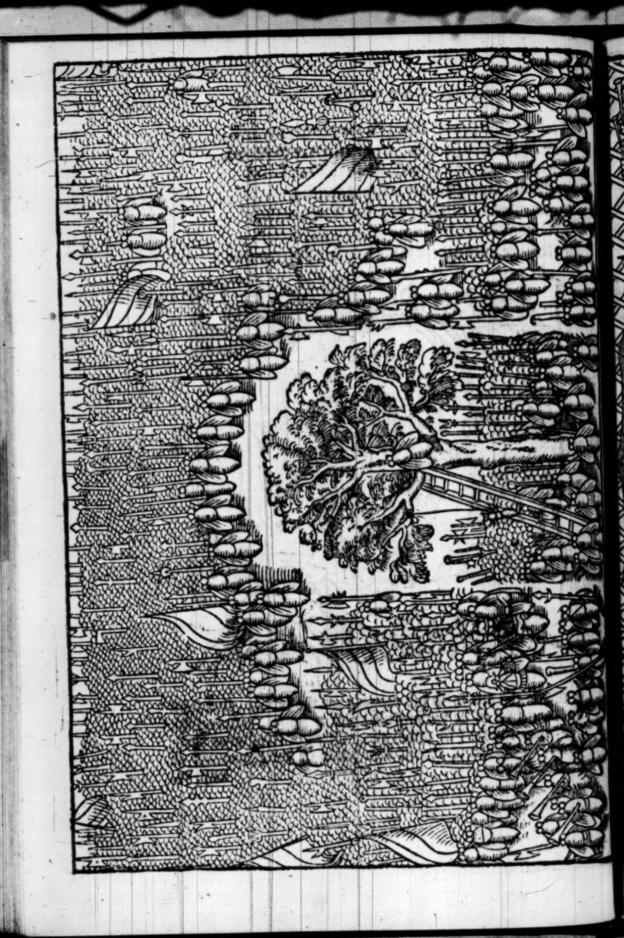
3 commit me (quoth thant) to the great gods will. Say thy prayers (quoth the captaine) ere thou dye. On the ladder, bowne on knees half dead he fill. forthwith laying his devocion devoutlie.

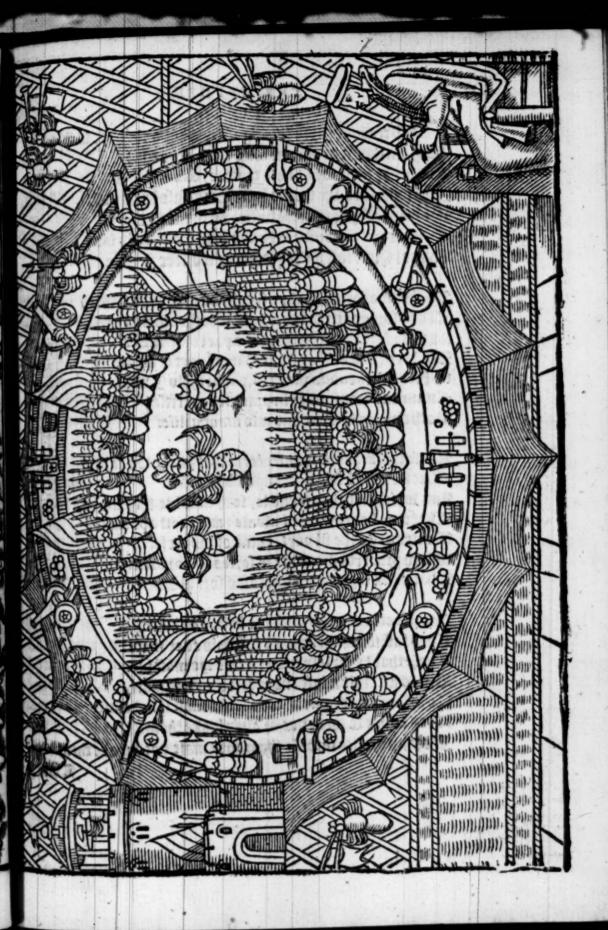
In which while, two files togither wondringlie:
Thinking thant: to be wrongfullie raft awaie,
In talke between them selves, as followith did saie.



CWhile the ant laith his prayers on the labour, two flies thinking him to be incongfullie cast a wate, pitteing the case, they touche (in talke) three sortes of flies seeme there then. Wherin is toucht sum parte of the properties of newter flies.

Lap. 63.





In innofent ant: among files to be call:

The deede in deede (quoth thother) bamnable is.

I thought fure, we should with thants life have past.

for where fortie files trefullie: on thant fround fast,

Three score, piteousie lookt: as they thant wold save.

And yet thant cast by boyce, great wonder I have.

To the two fortes, that ye speake of (quoth the tother)
Thome fort genen to save thant: thother thant to kill,
A third: sort indifferent to thome part or thother.
Did here (and do els wheare) most part of all ill.
Whose mischenous maners, partis show I will.
Cumming (comunite) in practised exercise,
Both among spiders, and also among fisse.

Thele indifferences (of newters) that part most take,
That Krongest is, of Arongest like to be.
And which lide they leane to, such nombre they make,
That they beare the bell awaie: and most apt we se,
To cleave to the ill part, evine of properte.
Which properte proveth (in sortes last of surst,)
That of all sortes, this last saive sort is wurst.

And yet oft: estemid with the best. Koz whie, They fashion them selves: to folow ever moze: Those that be (02 like to be (I saie the most hie. But to all: late a lost: now laide on low shoze, To whom: they have made curtise most low befoze: They either se them not, 02 over looke them. If chaunce once imbase them, they mais not brooke them.

AND THE FLIBAT

They kand on the bucket, that kandth on the brine.
They kand on the bucket, that kandth on the brine.
Which bucket defending, they begin to frowne.
The bucket affending: midwaie they wete him.
Ind bucket for bucket: Kraight therehange made frim.
for a mong all buckets (take this a plaine matter)
They bide with no bucket: thats driven to drink water.

They must have wine: with fare and chere of the best.

which: where and while it lasteth: in anic place,

who maie show gratitude in semblance saysest:

Therin contend they: to geve gloss of good grace,

To their viander: who maie him most imbrace.

where they may win ought: by sayre disimilate show,

There they slicker, and statter, in saver to grow.

their enterteinment once drawing to ende, they make none a count : of thanks from beginning:
Thend of their chere, endth the thanks of that bend.
Atteight from that place: they are speediff sphining,
To an other both, good cheere: good cheape winning.
But to pair so; boord, where ever this flock boords,
Their currant coine: is love curtiff, and sayre woords.

which coine (to them) not coulie: and yet to leant,
That where and when foeuer their there faile,
Then both all curtifie, and thanks for there had, want,
and not onlie good woords: in most of them quaile,
but some of the work fort, that are genen to raile,
To turne recompense on the wrong fide or those,
Gene ill wordes, for good bredes, of frendes had before.
These

These folike freendes: otherwise feendlike fole, are much tike mermatoes: thone halfe fleth thother filhe. On all terts: for all floes, they do give such glose, as mate seeme to serve all sides, as wit would withe. By which desimulation bouble devilibe, They wind: in and out: here and there: to and fro, as the Reede with the winde, everie wate they go.

And like as we fo the Dhe: in Cought Come of winde;
Standing Rifle against the wende: overthowne,
And the Reede: waving with the winde, still we finder
Saving it felf, in all our blastes of winde blowne,
So in spiders and sies: like lot oftims growne.
Arew stille tranders against the winde: overthowe,
fals statting followers with the winde, kand and growe.

Df our open knowne freendes, we male be fure.
Df our open knowne fooes, we male be ware.
But these binatural neuters: here in vie,
Deither fure of, no: ware of, ante wightes are.
Either flatting lies: they faticle beclare:
D; when they fate frew (if ever they fate trew.)
That fate they: for fatic or ill purpole tensew.

They are freendes to no man But in respect,
Them selves to take good: of to avoive harme;
Do to no harme: of revenging effect,
They will attempt: by corruption to charme,
Those: buter whose winges, they mate sit close and warms.
To coole and controle: such as make ante thow,
To bend anie wate: from the bent of their both.

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AND THE PLIE.

A To regard a right, a bog bath denotion:
As much as they. But be it right or inzong:
for love, hate, dreade, or meede, in promotion,
If it ferve they turne: to make the inzong part firong,
That part will they fing, in all they fung fong.
As these indiffrent newter flies: have done here,
whose wrongfull cleaving to the wrong, kilth thant clere.

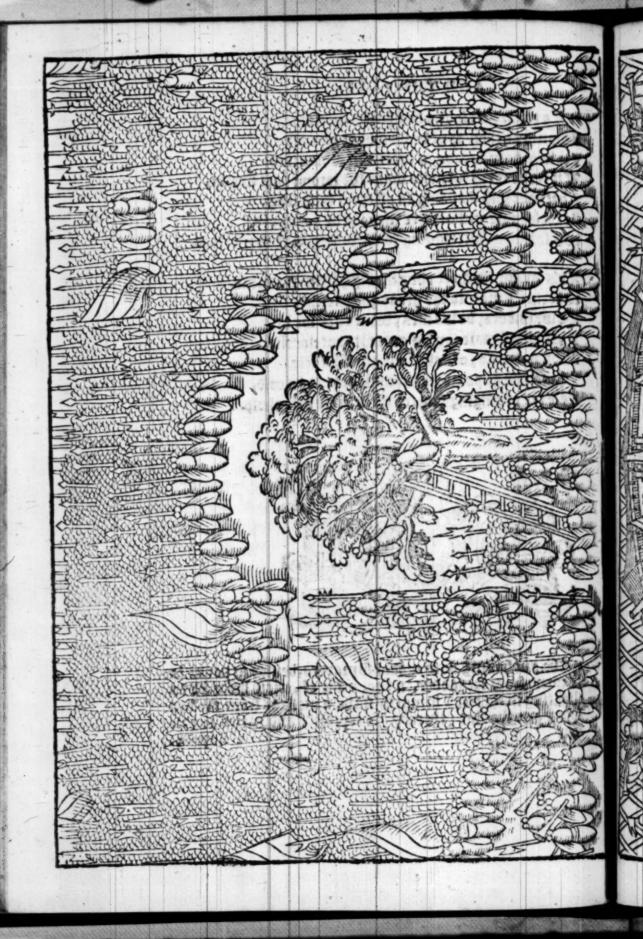
This (quoth thother (your laying hath made me le. wherin: I praie to the great god hartilie, we we lovers, be we flies, what ever we be, That we all maie (by his grace) cut of clerelie, all bukinonelle, of newterlike indiffrencie.

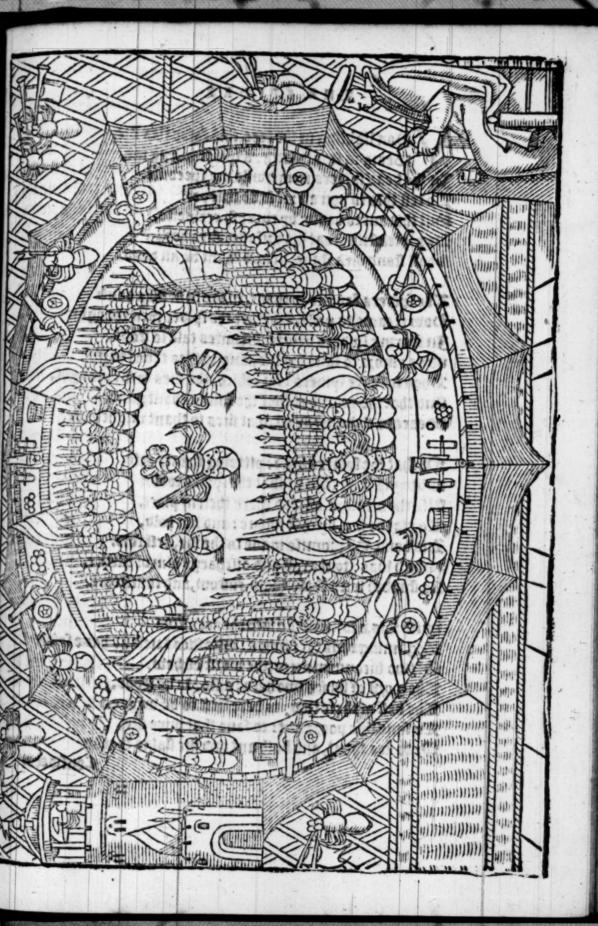
Thant now at point: from the labber to be rold, a file far offlinging toward them, cribe holde bold.



The ant having now made his prayers, beinge at popul to be turnd from the ladder, a flie, a far of, crieth holde. Who (lighting in the tree) bringeth suche a message from the hed lpider, as the Ant (thereby) is repride, and carried to prison.

Cap. 64.





Won lighting in the tree, this faibe this file: Being in froutwatch: a spider spigng me. In the head spiders name: wild me speedlie. To tell this to you all: if so be that ye: But this ant to death: by curryth crewelte, De proteasith: that his prisoner sies bed, Shall stand on a stake, before than be all dead.

The spiders favour to thant, made sum fles dout: Dow it came to passe, whether the spider then thought: In searing spiders before. Thantes tale so fout, was: more to save his life, among flies then cought: Then to seare spiders: for which, the flies thant brought, And that the tauntes: that the spider thant gave, weare to cioke mystrust, that flies to thant might have.

De that the spiders wife: pitteing thants case, Dbtepnd it by sute, 02 that the spider wold: Else the occasion, offered there then in place. To rid the site, by that colour: and not hold, Dis bond. By promise made to the site, erst told. which was: to charge and discharge him of offence, as standth with reason, law, custom, and conscience.

With this, a formall flie into the tree flew.
Beginning thus: freendes: wile flies laie (and have leide)
Of two inconveniences, the worlt eschew.
The worlf of which two here: a side to be leade,
The best of these two: is here first to be weave.
To save this poore ant: to save that pure flie,
Or to sea thant, and both ant and flie same thereby.
Considerate

Confideracions berin are to great,
and to manie: and most of fuch weight,
That they are: in counsell more meete to treate:
Then to make an alebench talke of: to be beight:
for babling tounges to babble on, wherfore streight:
Mine aduice is: that fir or eight sies most wife,
Closie consult here, the best wate to deutle.

pay nay, (cribe a thousand) we will none of that.
we will be of counsell all. Pea will quoth he:
That kind of counsell: is more meete to hallow at:
Then to talke in. for if all of counsell be,
Pecan in that counsell: have no secrete,
But (in counsel) where secrets lacketh anse,
There is (ant least) one counseler to manie.

werefule that waie: cribe the grole flies againe. Lest great wife flies, by and fell foolish flies small. If ye (quoth be) take to counsell all this traine, Then:nought being secret: all your enemies shall, the of your counsell: and bie and fell you all. But sins ye will have counsell cribe at the cross, I wyll disclose: that I wolve have had kept closs.

The flie in copied: with the spider deteinde, we know what he is: we neede not here to bothe him. To kill thant: and have that flie kild, what is gainde: That thall all flies feele: after we have lost him. But fins the spider: in such soft will host him: As we host the ant, our best wate both apere, To kepe thant (as gage soft gage) prisoner here.

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Mor though thant (trewth being tolde before his face)
We far to bale: that fine flie to counterpeife:
Pet if the spider esteeme thant: in like case:
About the flie: as we him about thant preise,
Then for deliverte of both (without steife,
The spider will (in erchaunge) chaunge as gladle,
The flie for thant, as we will thant for the flie.

Brieflie: the best way is here (in my mynde)

A o kepe thant prisoner in stockes tetred fast.

Conder gard of certeine sies, to be asinde,

yell we se sumwhat of this war, surder past.

And if we se cause, we mate kill him at last.

De chaunge him, soe sum sie that spiders mase take,

To this mine advice, show yours, an end to make.

At this: much bumbling among them all: there was. Manie woozds, little matter, and to no purpole. Mombre of fentences here. I mate let pas. As things not worth the hering here to disclose. And pas they must: for neither in rime nor prose: I can win memorie well to write with pen, The tenth sentence geuin there, against thant then.

And though: memorie might the nombre, have conteind. Pet was all contused so: in such bibble babble, All a like lowde, and all to loude, in vopce constraind, That all parts of best wit: had bene bnable:

To catch, kepe, and make, thacount explicable:

Of all sayings there saide, wherso: e (as I saie:)

Pot onlie they mate, but they must passe awais.

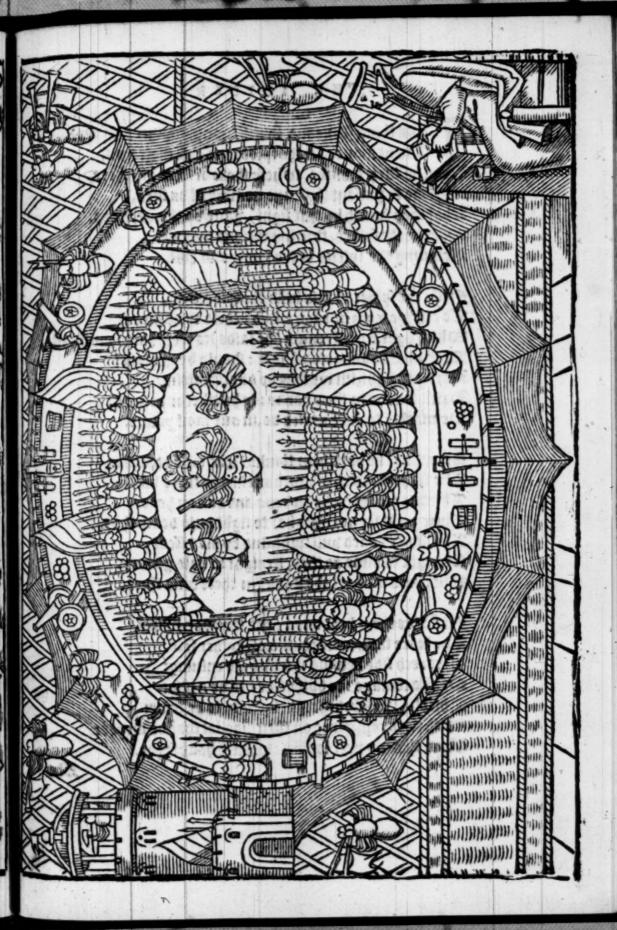
E But finallie: all their chat chatted: anon, To the flies last tale: they all did so agree, That thant (garbed) went to pillon. wherepon, Quoth the captaine: sins this is past by decree, Being one poynt of two: erst moned by me: To be moned to you, in thother poynt now, Conseive, and reseive the thing I shall show you.



The captaine file, inneith byon matter before past: in such some force for encoraging the flies againe, that anone thei all crying to the captaine to march forwarde, thei brauely set foorth. And laiving their ordinaunce to the copineb castell, thei belege it counds.

Cap. 65,





Thank moved all the spiders: to cast their iyes, Thank moved all the spiders: to cast their iyes, Thom us their emmiss. Whose show of strength there, Showde so putsant (by huge nombre of us sies,)
That they (much by that sight) gave by thenterpries. Wheron the spider, thre inventions inveide.
Revicing the spirits of the spiders in eide.

First: the spider to this wild the spiders all, To cast ive from our soice. And behold their owns. Which sight, such strength (he saide) to their harts must call, That a hartlesse harted spider: should be growns: Vardy to sight, till we sies be overthrowns. Valill wands in their hands: to hawberds in ours, De marht: to over match be, in our most powes.

Secondie: he bad them thinke: that we do dreade: The light of them, as much as they do leare bs. Thirdie: to let cocke on hope and run on heade, Their right seene (saith be) to fight in: to death thus, The most coward will fight. And by his discus, Streight to blisse go they, streight to bale go wee. But: here me part the stake: in these casis three.

Afirit: we them behalving: and they be bewing,
The feare falth indiffrentlie: on eyther live.
Mert: ech live bewing it felfe hath enfuing:
Of like coozage: to bothe lives to be a plive.
Thirdlie: he labzing right by fight to be trive:
With clere conscience on their sive, let that be toepde;
Upon this my nert saying: when I have seyde.

The spider to thant: in this told tale: erft laide, Laide to be flies rebellion. De laying, Grample of plages past. where flies dischaide, The great gods commaundement. which dischaying, Hath plaged such flies, according to his laying. Upon his which laying: here me somwhat laie, How case of rebellion from our case both wase.

gul subjects: in biolent barience growne:
Against the hie powas, they by that great god plasse,
His woozke hath showd his wyll, to bying overthaning.
Suffre, and not resist, that must be here endrasse:
And sulfild. De els as such sies, in time passe:
Have bene scourged: for resisting, so shall we.
And so to be scourged, well woozthis we be.

But percepue: these hie powes: must take hie place, as tandth with law of the great god: rightfullie. for otherwise, it fallisith in this case:
Their saide desence at godds hand, and contrarie: where ertoet pour: blurpeth place we onfullie,
The god both right oft: in such vsurpacion,
Out miraculus poure, to therturpacion.

Off: making thinstrumentes of the overthrow: As fer to compare: befor the overthrowne, As slies befor spiders: in comparison show. And how this spider hath blurpedie growne, Topotentate state, that is to be beknowne. Inever herd sie yet, that ever could tell: Ground of title, whie his state should thus exsell.

æe ii

And

And he: an blurper: as I thinke he is:

Pou thinking to to, can we thinke that he?

Breaking the Gods law (as he both doing this)

Shall in thil deche: by good god, defended be:

Whome he and his offend: offending his decre,

Maie: hasell wands in our hands: the godds poure leads,

To beate backe their hawberds, to breake their swine heads.

And where he alegith: that the spiders right: Is a safe warrant: with safe conscience to die, for all such spiders: as thall die in that sight, And that sites diving therin: die damnably, That loude lustie lie: for a lie warant I. with safe conscience (in this case) corage a rise: To bale go all spiders: to blisse go all slies.

The flies: boon bering and boing of this,
All flert by, and floode by, most cozagiouslie:
With one voice all crive: fir captaine our mind is,
To give faute to the copined evin by and bie.
Wher with: much moze wisfullie then wittelie,
(And petnot wittesse) into a ray they got,
Marching toward the copined, within goon shot.

The watch towie strake a larum: thenmyes discrieng
The goonners gave fire: and first at raundon, thay:
Shot of, the goonstones among the dies string.
Which gald the dies curstile: cumming on the way.
What fooith signing the dies now: as fast as they map.
Without trenching: of such defensife fortalles,
Didnance they lep, to batter that castell walles.

The Great hot, and greuous haughter of hies, there was Ere they could: ance peece of the walles batter:

To make it fawtable, but so can to passe:

That in short time, that wall they did so shatter:

That they; waie laie playne, and strength to the matter:

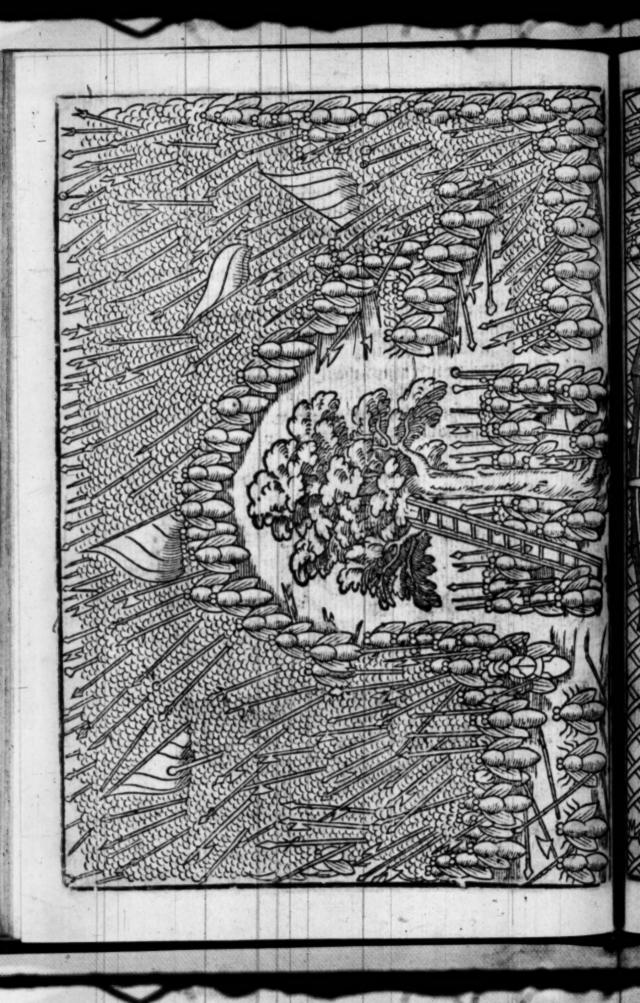
(For which they cam. (they went. To such a fears fight.

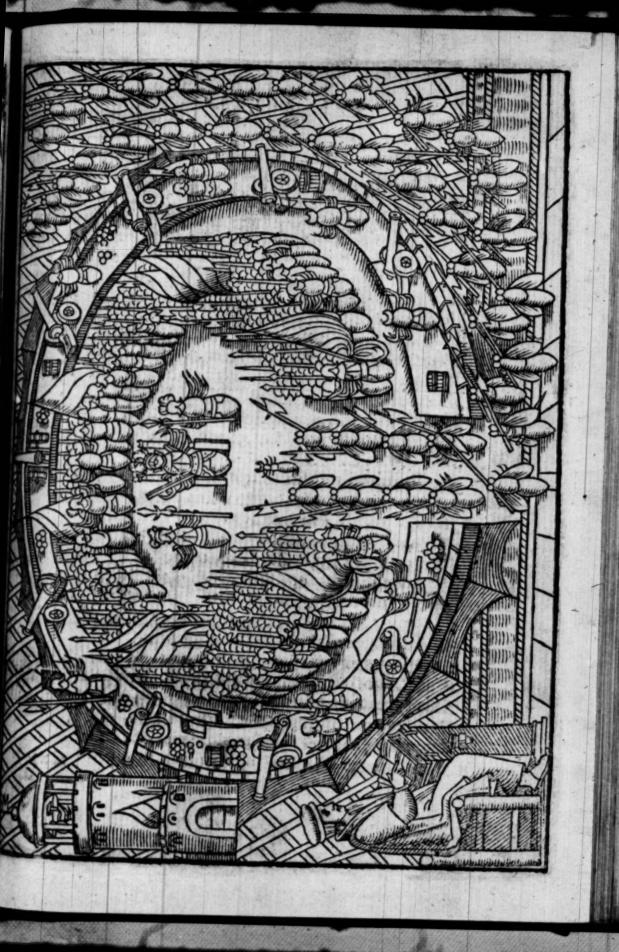
As never fought spiders and flies, in mannes sight.



The flies gene onlet in allawte upon the callell: the spiders befending it in furious fighte. And upon the flaughter on both sides, the flies retire to their campe. The spiders wife and childerne on knell to him beleching him to take peace with the flies.

A‡ Æe iii





In all battred brackes: flies rageing in a ranke, fertite flew in, all blacke as the cloudie flie.

Spiders defending them. Spider nor flie thrancke, Sundreds strikin with gonnes, in peeces twentie.

Theare a leg, here an arme, there a head both flie.

And peece from peece: by violence flowne round, a flight shoote a fonder, and as fer from ground.

With polaris, partifans, hawberds, billes goons: Trompets on both lides: ech tencociage they? lide. The anoyans of the noise: thorough my head rooms. The somelle flies fathers: the fatherlesse flies soons: With this thing, above all thing (a lacke alacke) Dhinhat wofull widow flies, go now in blacke.

The quarters of an houre, this fight endewsed. Which time, I imagined donnes daie present. And that all the dama soules : had bene procured, To cum with the deuill thither: in his band bent. There to set up hell, to suffer they requirent. For dewring the time, I thinke no worldlie sight, More like hell, then was sight of that hellie fight.

Terrour wherof, was to be witnessed well:
To be so manie alive so late, now dead.
Thousandes setting on that copweb (with hart fell)
Vang now there (like hearings in nettes) by the head.
And spiders so; their partinot scotsree lead:
Were sum, and there sum, snacht up a mid the rour:
That were within halfe a houre a foze, full stout.

gt end of this fraie, no part law cause to bost:
fine thousand sies, and sine hundred spiders siepne.
wherwith the sies: seeing so manie sies lost,
and of they? purpose: could yet no part obteyne,
at retret of trompet, they retyzed a meyne.
where they before had campt. There to take a breath,
To saue their honess, and kepe them from death.

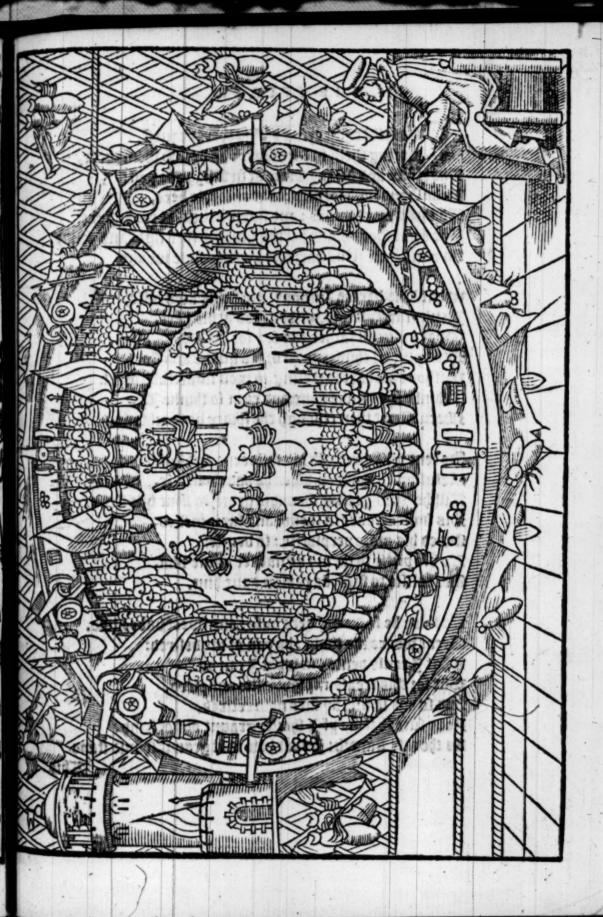
The spiders were as glad to se the files backes, as files were to show them. For what time thay: (Beholding dead spiders) ech seeth his freend lackes, few spiders (or none) saw cause to tope that date.

The spiders wife: and childerne: nere dead in frate: On knees belought him, in wate of petiscion, with the files to take peace, on sum condiscion:



The spider haufing compassion on his wyse and childerne as on him selfe, he saith that he will: with the adute of his councell, in their sute do all that mate be done for the best. Lap. 67





Tele spider: in hering of this they request,
Desing them in such sears: as he saw them there,
That sight and hering, mais at first sight: be gest;
In husband, and sathers: that anie zele bere,
To their deare wives: and swete babes, at spe and ere:
The sight showth, and hering soundth such sight and sound,
as mais their zelus harts, to death welnie wound.

mehat kind harted hulband: can le his kind wife, In like carefull cale, without wo at his hart. What naturall father can le: for his life, Dis naturall childerne, in dread quake and fart. Without his hart imarting, in most imartfull imart. I thinke, ye thinke none: and evin so thinke I. Meruell not then: though the spider be toucht nie.

De tenderlie tendzeth his childerne and wife: Refuling to Aand bp: when he bad them rife, Aill he wold graunt them (his grace) to Aint this Arife, Dis light of feare in them: and furie in Ales, Added his moze perplerite: to beuile: To ble pittie to them: as nature dzaue him, And polifie to Aies, as reason gaue him.

To this: he laive my dere wife: and sweet babes two. Great weare the thing: by you of me desired: That I could denie, in what I can do. But so; this treason, spightfullie conspired, and so put in die: by flies now retired, Pour sute therin: yf I should graunt out of hand, as the safe flandth: I dout how that graunt should stand.

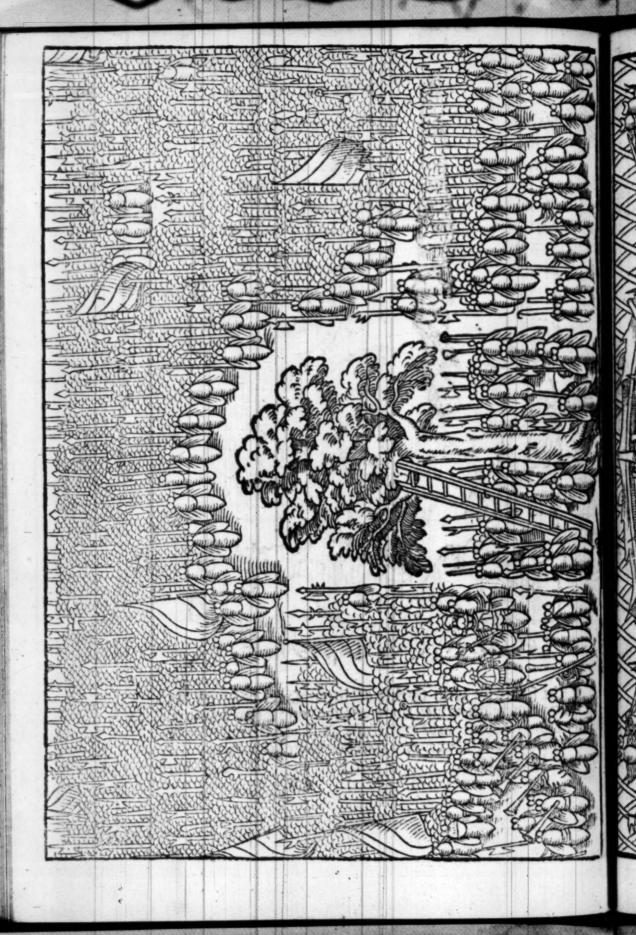
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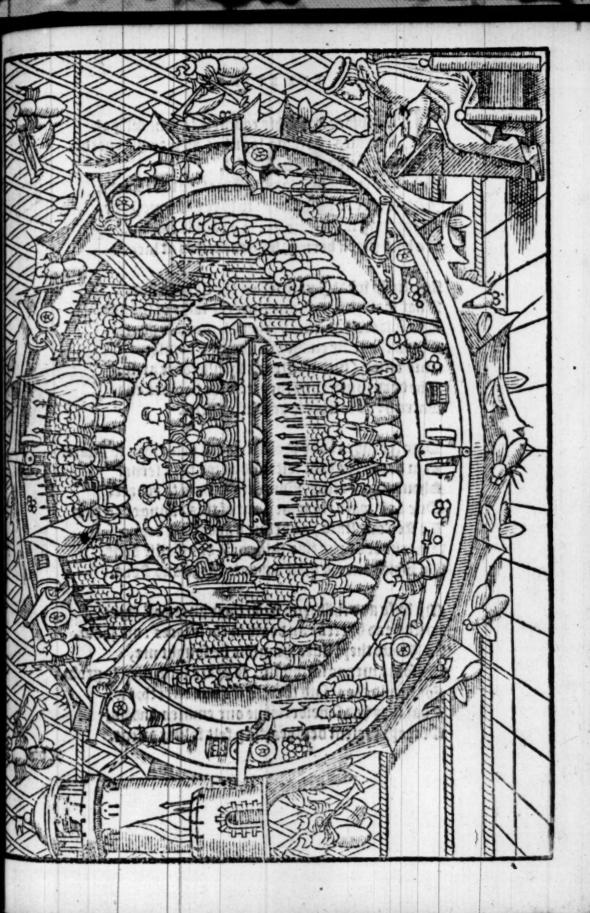
This case: touching me and all spiders most nie,
In me and my counsell, shall forthwith be scand.
So in, and be cherfull: and seare not: but I,
will fauer and forder your sute: as maie stand:
with most safte of bs, and all our whole band.
They rose and made curtise: forthwith wherepone,
(They and he weeping) they (from him) thens are gone.



The spider let with twelve of his counsaile, declareth his wives and childrens sute (adiopning therunto cocideracions of his owne) so; peace to be taken with the slies. Requiring those counsellers (while he departe and returne) to determine what wate he shall take.

Cap. 63.





The files: flocking togither, as was then neede, an confultacion: full befile fat, Eche five for them selves, best wate to se decreede. I gave eare to both sides: to here them proseede, Stretching my memorie: to a double charge, To bold (byon hering) both thessectes at large.

And first: what I gathzed on the spiders side.
That thall ye have: and then the talke of the file.
The spiders: at a bozd: them selves did deute, Sir on thome: sir on thother side. To deuts:
(And diside, such matter as thousand there arise.
The head spider: in a cheyze at the boozdes end, Entrith: as soloweth here after pend.

Dere freendes: our present parell in wordes to dilater
It in deede: in hart felt: and at ive here seene,
Should show follie. Dur case is now to debate,
Our best wase: to winde out of this daunger cleane:
A o step our state, as before stayde hath beene.
Wherin: betwene two things: I doutfullie dout,
A o which one: I shall bidoutedle, stand sout.

My wife and children: byon their knees all three: with dead bartes: as death in their faces: did how, as I love they? lives: humblie be fought me, asy some means forthwith, to peace with kies to grain. For thould they (said they) se the like overthrow: That they had sene: between our enmise and bs, Of they? present deathes, they felt seling discus.

This perpletth me: what one waie to take of twalne: Nature prokth me (in pitteing those three)
To take peace with the flies, to ronne a maine.
Reason proposith me: politiklie to flee,
The how of desire: in peace with flies to be.
which pittie to ble: and policie to refuse,
Low cruell flies will cock with bs, thats no newse.

Now: on thother live: if I pittie omit,
Nought weeping my wife: and offpring in this cale,
But do bend byon policie, everywhit:
To out face the flies: to fland face to face,
And these three (by dread) to die in the meane space,
Then am I double dead. Thone: that they death haus,
Tother to se them die, whome my selfe might saue.

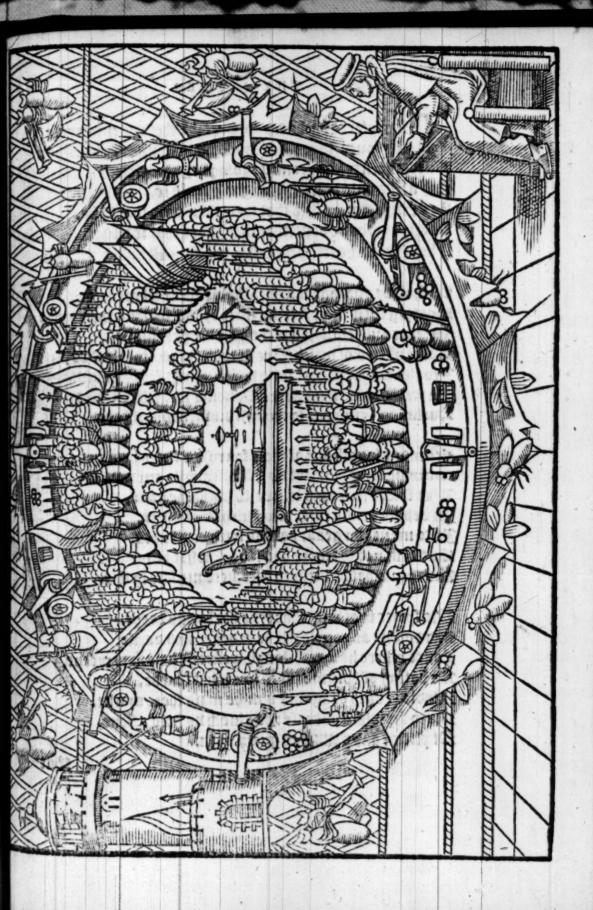
I praie this whole boorde: this cale first to revolue, Eche in him felfe, and then all togither speake.
Deviling your best. wherin while ye resolve:
Pour full minds, to me (at my returne) to breake,
Ile go, to cheere my wife and babes, wo and weake.
They praide him to do so: which rang in mine eare,
That they were more glad, to have him thence then theare.



Obtraight as the spider is gone, the rest arise withdrawing a sonder in three plumpes sowre in a plumpe, no one knot knowing what the rest saith, which done their all sit downe again against the spiders returne.

Cap. 69.





The spiders backe turnd, Greight these twelve a rose By source, source, and source, flocking into flockes three. Everice flock talking, and flanding togither close. Ech flocke but other (by ought I could se,) as Grange, and as loth that their talke herd should be, as all could have bene: that that spider that season, Should have heard they, talke, had they all talked treason.

All thowde one maner, which thowd them all meeuto: Weating their fiftes, beding their brows thaking their heads In feare and fewrie, all were greatlie greeuto,

Talke of two: of which three flockes: whereto it leades,

Tould not yet know: fofte wifpring, not fer spreades.

But talke of the third flocke (francing sumwhat nere,)

Zarkning sumwhat to them, sumwhat did I here.

Freendes (quoth one of those soure) we soure being one, we maie talke (and let be talke) franklie our mindes. This spider (our ring leader) to his flocke gone, In debate of this case: to which he be bindes, Is to me not be geast: bow he with be windes. But first, not to teache: but to tell what he is, and then what he meanth here, here me sale in this.

The spider is of withwonderus darke and deepe.
And double as double, as he is deepe and darke.
Loure where he loueth, laugh weare he hateth to creepe.
To botum of bosum: for to spie what sparke,
Ikindled: with or against him, he mate there marke.
Much for which purpose: he giveth be now a bone,
Of pittle: and pollise, to gnaw opon.

But

But erept: we spice pittie and policie both:
gs the sesoning maie saver in taste to Kand:
as in his taste and saver: saverlie goth,
he will gnaw our bones out of taste: out of hand.
which ye shall se: when I this scantiin have scand,
between his politikelesse pittie (erst saide)
and his pitteles politie, (here erst saide)

This dought: to bying out of dout, he hath be let. whether (by pitie) to lave his babes and wife: he thall leeke to flies: lum peace of them to get, D; by politie: to frand friffe till in frife, and leefe: both his babes, and also his wives life. first case: thowing our baunger in generall, Last case: showing his baunger in special.

This trap (not for mice) for spiders is baighted.
To se what bit we bite: or on what Aring we harp.
Is his pittie here: be restreyed or straighted.
And that (on his polisie) our tounges do earp:
More to saue our selves: from daunger of beth Garp:
Then to saue him and his, we plaing those parts,
De wyll sure suspect, that we have traytors harts.

And if we leave polifie: and pitie take: Concluding: that we will bide all Jeoberdie: Rather then fee: of him of his: one singer ake, Ile hold a hunderd pound (to an halpenie) That he will take all that talke: for flatterie. Though his ive on be therat pleasantlie pinke, Pet will be thinke, that we safe not as we thinke.

Et.III.

Afric

These two: two edged cases: take I so: such, That they make be taken: a two edged swood. Ech side of both tutteth, where ever it touch. But when we shall resolve: at yonder bood, Leaving these two wates: I have devise a thoogo, wherwith, a take he told them: so skently, That (tyll he told it at boogd,) no wood herd I,

But in taking end, I herd him to them faic: The sploet will: our minds, severallie know. And I the yongest, shall speake first, (no naic.) And so ech other following: sitting a row. Wherin: as you in coople to speake (after me) grow: Saye you: in this deepe case: byon depe waying, Pe have nought to saie, but takirme my saying.

And so thall we (sayde he) sauc our four lives.

They agreede. And to touch the second sort now,
Authorists to the first, one of them four contrines:

To conclude. In matter what: or maner how,
From hearing I was yet kept (as I told you)

But the talker to that stocke at end, spake out:

These woordes. This way that saue our four lives:no dout.

De the third and most auncient forke likewise, Due at end of his talke: these woozds a loude spake. This wate thall save our four lives. Dz at least sise: Dur honesties, and honest spiders undertake: Life much rather: then honestie, to sozsake. De saie truth (sayde the three) and we three a gree, with you to lese life, rather then honestee.

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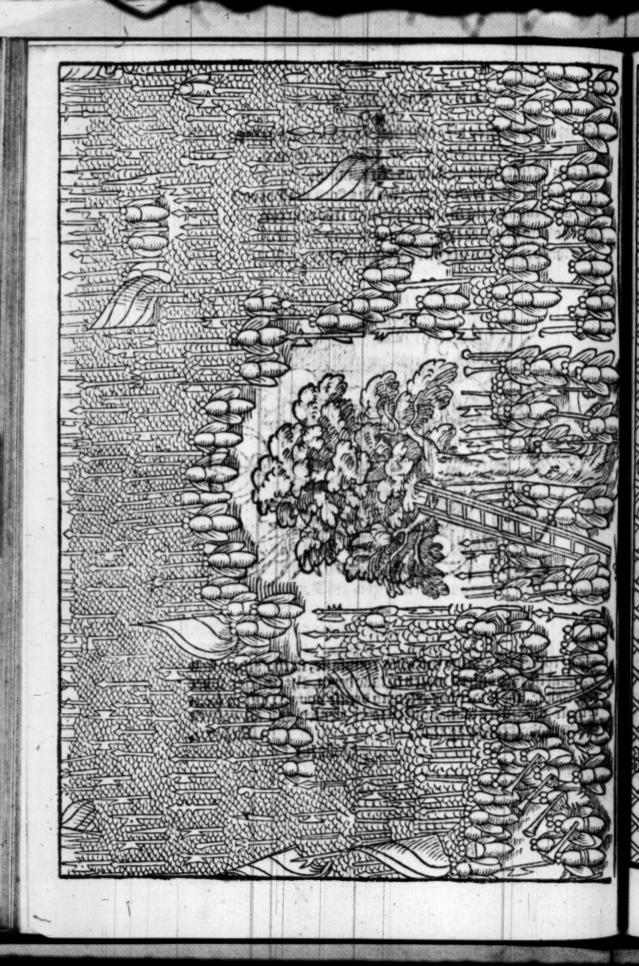
with this, they all at the boozd fat bowne againe.
That they (at the folders returne) might appere,
bet as he left them: all as one to remaine.
(while he went to (and came fro) his flock most dere.)
who (fo finding them,) with fad and folde theere:
but downe in his cheyze: where he had fit erst.
And this professe to his purpose, promptite perst.

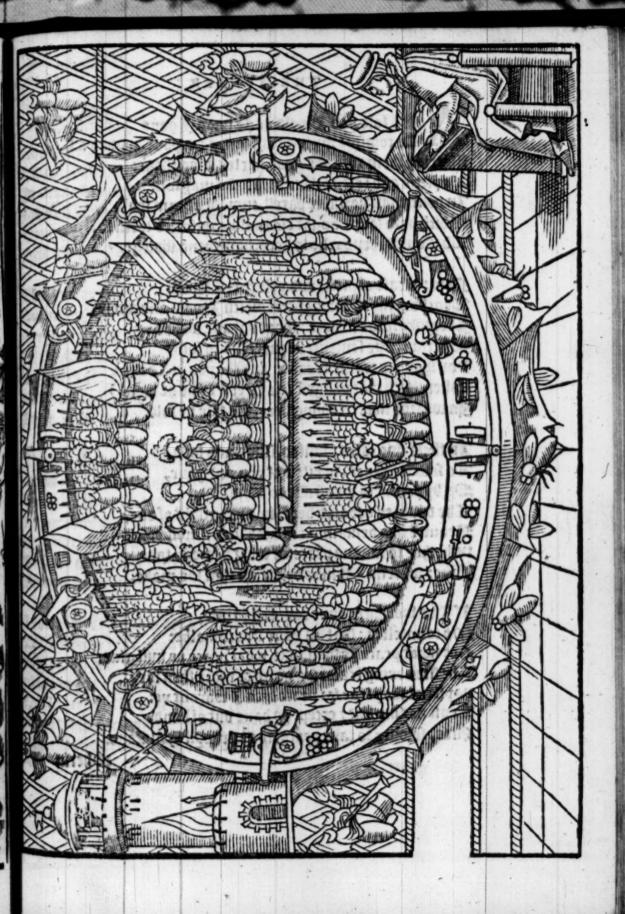


The spider set agains with his counsaile, in those three said sortes, arise three divers water to take herin. The best one soher of to choose, the spider departeth to deutse byon. Willing them to cause all corners of that castell to be ciented and all vattred places made stronge agains.

Lap. 7 v.

P Beill





A I told you I wold go, to have I gone
To comfort my wife and mine: in your names all.
Aftering them: of your good hartes evertichone:
To pittie and releve their bread. As may fall:
In your most portable parell, cum what cum shall.
Which hath (and nought els coulo (comforted them fo,
That quiet they harke to here, how thend shall go.

Now: in case of pittie and pollici: erst lepde,

Tourhing the two doughtes: which I was, and am in,

I require fullie to here: what ve have weyde.

Wherm: your sentences severallie to win,

Pouthall severallie speake: and the yongest begin.

Wherewith that yongest (as he erst saide he wold,)

In woozds nert following here, his tale he told.

In these two cases: bulted, sisted, and fand, To sem so; peace: in pittie of you and your, D; (by polisie) to war stiffie to stand, The doubtes debated here, in most might of our, Require this demaund: indged in my most pour, whether to take no peace, o; what peace to take. Labo; wherin, I thinke beyne: all that we make.

If I be worthy in your counsell to live, My counsell is; that all your Audie Halber Dot what peace ye hall take, what peace ye will give: A be fies being fraide: as much or more then we, wayll not they seke for peace-yes I warant ye: A rull-not my wit: ercept ye bave out of hand, flies, sewing to take peace, as your wyll hall fand.

wherm

wherin: what your wyll thalbe ere the fles cum, Good is to dreme: to what point in peace to wade. And not when they cum: to fland must or mum: In larke of an answere (by you or yours made.) perefull hafte in this case, both me full perswade: from nedles hastie deuice: in thother cases: Both which (this taking place) they take no places.

This (bnder your correction,) is my full mind.

And mine (quoth the second) and mine (quoth the thurd.)

And mine (quoth the fourth: quoth the fift) I am enclind,

Of an other mind: then this tale hath now furd.

for two causes, thone: for that this toughth no wurd:

Of the case proponde, which is our charge to touch,

Thother, for that I have other matter tauouch.

The pith of these two cases: I take to consist, whether (by pittie: your searfull flocke to saue,) we shall take peace with the sies: as the slies list.

To our common daunger: by pride of sies braue)
Dipoliticalie show: that we no peace wyll have.

To seare sies, and saue bs: yours and you: in parell.
By their seare of warres continuall quarell.

I hold: the best one wate of these both: to be, To save your wife: and children: your succession. And thereby you, for lacking you, what are we: who can (like you) save bs: from oppression: Dur benefites (by you) enforce confession: fornotable governance in governours, After was selt our like governance: to yours,

Pour

Pour offpring to toward: to rule after you: As you rule before them: to their erupicion: Hor our inestimable welch now, and after now. No spider bath the contrarie suspicion: But all spiders, in most humble submicion: Dubmit them whole to you: so loved or drad, As never was ruler, that ever spiders had.

Dur commoditees: woon by you: being huge, Duge were our loss likwise: by your being loss. Pou: and yours: appering here our whole refuge, Oittie:02 policie: which chalbe the post: In this case to sticke to: my sentence benoth most, Ere daunger (by bread): to you or yours shall rise, To cleave here to pittie, and take peace with fisse.

So lay I (layth ferond) of that ferond lost.
And we laide the third (and fourth) which layd: a none,
The first of most auncient foure: his repost
Beginth, but fyss: this tale last gone,
De feemeth to commend (in part) where boon,
De showth his mynde. But fyss (I saie) in woosds fayer,
De laith as followeth next, of thys last fayer.

Sayd (this faide auncient spider) this tale told last. Sumwhat to touch (winder pardon) I entend. The tellers mind, I dispreyle in no part past. But in sondrie parts, I can by sminde commend. Pamely: in that his mind is bent to desend: Pou and yours, from the death: as he ought to do. As fer as deutie deulie drawth, and ine to.

But as thefe two doutful daungers touch our fate: from top to toe, (as wo faie: hie, meane, and low.) so: from brim to botom: them both to bebate, In faithfull playne maner: (as in hert maie grow: all barke diffimilation, to overthrow. sotellie founding to fence deprayed, That trace shall I treade, buder pardon craned.

In these two tolk termes: pitte, and policie,
To turne and tolle, recitall: of this whole case,
No neve. After recitall so sondatile,
The termes but name, where memorie is most base:
Remembraunce of the whole, those termes bring to place,
which pitte: is here aplide, to save you and yours,
and policie: here aplide, to save be and ours.

Beferhing you: and all you befoze I faie, Till all my faying be faice: indge therm no part. But throughlie here me without Nop or Naie, And take in good part, my plaine trew meaning hart. Good tales: ill taken, may make the teller imart. But here, I praie hering. And having express, In following the effect, on as semth you best.

But first: these two termes: pittie, and policie,
(As I binderstand them) here me, them define.
Dittie: is an affect of all elemencie
That both alway: most elementic encline,
To have regard, to remittible displine.
In matter of Justice: of anie case els,
all displeasant suffrance, pitie it expels.

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Policie:

Policie: is the thing that circumspertly welfps, wolfelie (and warelie) to put things in bys. As refons ferbest fetch: in sozelight purueiths, an oner: rech about the weaks wittes cure. So to put things in bys, that they mais endure: As no light blast of winds: do over blow them, No; lacke of firms soundarion, over throw them.

And policie: (right taken (as 3 take it)
In good part is taken, and confirmed ener.
Policie: is not as fum spiders make it:
wittie wrethed wile, that both all indever:
In wrongfull ill, to invent to perfener:
The name of policie there, is to be last:
And to be name fallhed; otherwise saile crast.

Pittie: wrong named, and wrong bled allor Maie be and hath bens. As where it is aplide, To help one: or few, to the hart of manie mo. The pittide part: being depe offenders tride, Thother part innolent. This (clere to diffide;) Is either not pittie: or peutly pittie: Which (as thold faying fayith) marth the cittie.

But the right ble of pittie is (as I gelle)

A o pittie part, as pittie mate pittie all:
without wrongfull hurt, ance one to oppress.

Ahis meane I: in ble of pittie generall:
But touching cale (namelie yours) especiall,
Tow it and such, from this generalicale swarms,
Chalbe touchit anone: as my meane wit mate larue,

But: policie, and pittie, pictured thus,
I take man and wife. and temperance (as who fale)
Minister in this mariage, I discus.
Iknitting this cupple: in stedie Einted State,
Policie to commaunde, and pittie to obate.
Policie her husband: and pittie his wife,
Politicklie to kepe al, from pittelesse strife:

where policis male bring pittie: promptie plate, That hulband will not keepe that wife: out of place: And that wife (that hulbands aftent not purchaste,) will not prefume to take place, both to disgrace: Der hulband: and also her self to beface: Thus policie and pittie: in case generall, Joyne (for common welth) in common governall.

But now: to grow toward specialitee, where I laid misuse of pittie before:
To stand: in not pitteing generalitee:
By pitteing the less nombre before the more,
Though that rule: leane rightle to the right shore:
In case of pittie: much misuse generalite:
It mais (and both) feyle: in sum case specialite,

Ann thre or four care in pittle to be weive:
More, then fum other three or four thouland are.
In fondrie cales: which policie both eive.
Namelie, and properlie, now here to declare:
In perticular cale, of your present care.
To faus be and ours, and leefe you and yours,
Driecle you and yours, and faue be and ours.

Aff II

The

The lotte of foure thousand of meane spiders now:

Aouthing daingerous disturbance of thestate,
were lest loss then were you foure: and thissise you.

But the loss of the whole cozps, of bs to rate:
with loss of you four: the most loss to bebate.

This case: to our case: presentlie directed,
Is nedeless: or bootelesse, to be respected.

Peeblese I take the falke: as in this respect.

Hyest our case rechith not: beterminatelie:

To beth of you, oz bs, but it both direct:

A dread of beth in yours: and in you therby.

Draunger of beath in bs: not beth clerity:

But dread: or baunger of beth: and beth out right,

Are oft (and now I hope) for distaunt in sight.

Pours in dread, and we in daunger, of beth muche All may be brought: and deth pet folow no whit. Deither in yours, nor ours. And this case is such, As if ye will therin: policie admit.

To out face flies, the corps of spiders to knit:
In coragious countenance, then thall ye se,
The flies in seare, and your feare nedlesse to be.

As the talke is nedlette: to compare the lotte: Df vs all, with you four: for none chalbe lott. And other wife, bootelette, in this talke to totte: In matter on this lide or that lide to bott. The most or least lotte: for all least and most: Shall vie. of ye shrinke and seke peace, sies will none. Then we being furt slayne, you and yours are gone.

Mill they hea be and laue you, leeing this war:
Against you: is thickie or onlie begon:
Paye make ye lure. Pe are the principall bar:
D; beame, in their iyes: as the quarell both room.
Wherin, I perceyue no way: ought to be woon,
But politicite tencorage all our whole rout,
I fresh a gainst the flies, in ray to stand sout.

we in cotage, out of cotage the flies are.
And we out of cotage, incotage are they.
We spiders presing forward, back the flies bare.
Spiders drawing back, foorth prese flies without flex.
Thus ye se :policie here must make the wate,
If anie way maie be made, by possible pours:
To preserve all, both you and yours, be and ours.

This: both my conficence, and my counfell player.
Is: both my conficence, and my counfell player.
And mine (quoth the next of the three) with him ffeide.
And like wife ours also (quoth those other twayne.)
The spiders outward wordes, showd show to retaine:
All their sayings: and all a like: to like well.
But how he likte inwardise, I could not tell.

But: on these three divers tales: a part to muse, which one to take: or which to leave of all three, he said he wold (and did) depart to peruse. Willing them in means time, an order to see. That castell in warlike case, against to bee. Wherebyon he: to his inner mansion gone, To the soudiers spiders, they went a none.

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To whom, that most auncient spiders repeated: Such part hereof, as was meete so; them to here. But sirst, he invented in that he treated: To encozage them all, to be of good chere. And pluck by their harts, is sies agains march nere. Matter of which rule such: and the tale so told, That it brought the spiders againe, brag and bold.

Then entred he : into repeticion,
Di comaundement given, for that fort renving.
For clenting and trengthing : in ech condicion,
As it was, before former faute in bewing,
The parell of a fecond faute, eschewing:
To ley downe their wepons: and let to their hands,
To scour: and to repeire, all there, that in nede stands.

The whole nombre (lauing referred to watch)
The watch in the watch towre : and boon the walls,)
Ley by their weapons : ech one his place to catch:
To firengthin weake places, ech one to worke falls.
Stronglie they frop by, al goon bole galls.
All places spide : in anie kinde offauting,
Made stronge in beforce of a second sauting.

The dead spiders they buried: in the castell closse. The dead slies hangd out in Jebets openie. But to se the spiders: how they turne and tosse: Sum making of graves: sum the spiders burie: Sum making tebets: sum hangin sies on hie: Sum spinning threeds: to repeir that castell wall. I never saw the like, nor I think never spall.

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Dwhich: while they bring in pre effate, now to here:
what the flies (in commun councell (not private)
Be in deutling: what wate mate belt a pere:
On their part, eche partie to fave his owne pate.
They: being fet in councell: it to debate:
In a troope: be fide the reformation tree,
Thorder and thend followth here, to here and fe.

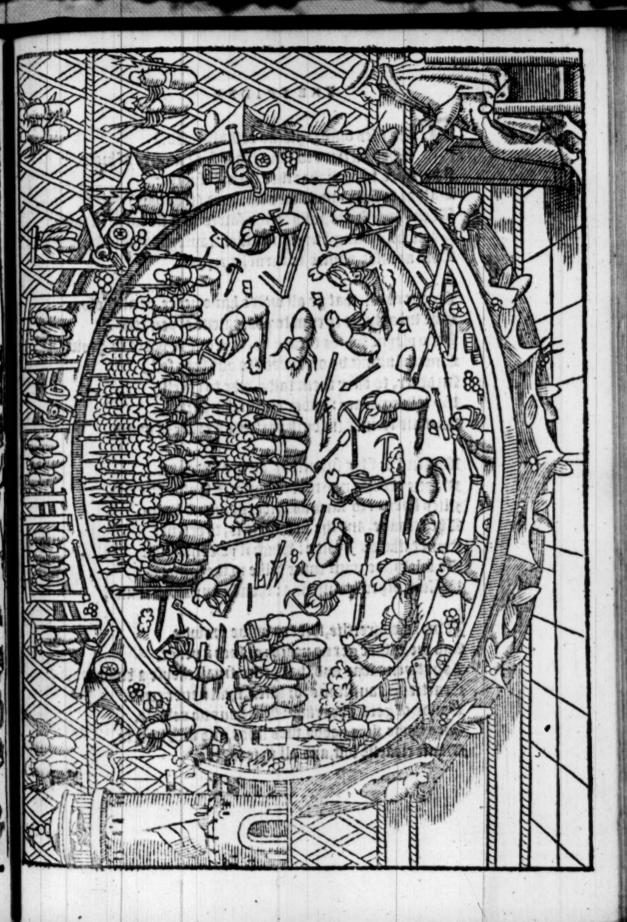


Whe flies in campe be at cownfell: desirously denting: by what means to get peace best. Wherepon the captaine inventing a means to drive that to sew for peace if thei will be ruled by him, thei therbuto agree. And therbpon the ant is brought before the slies.

Cap. 74.

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The flies discoragio (as erst disclosed,)
They all crive to take peace sum maner of wate.
A warfare to fare: that fare them disposed:
Bather to fast, and to fare full hard (that day:)
Then tharp sauts, with sowre sawfe: to take more in sale.
Their bumbling buring: at their capteyns crie self,
This aduised aduice, to them be cryrest.

Areendes all: that ye all woide have peace, ye all thow. But what wate to cum to peace, none of you tell. Two pleyne wates theare be, to provoke peace to grow. One:to submit be on knees (to our foes fell.) An other, to offer them talke, war to expell. By taking peace: bnder condition such, As mate extinkt (in both partes) all cause of gruch.

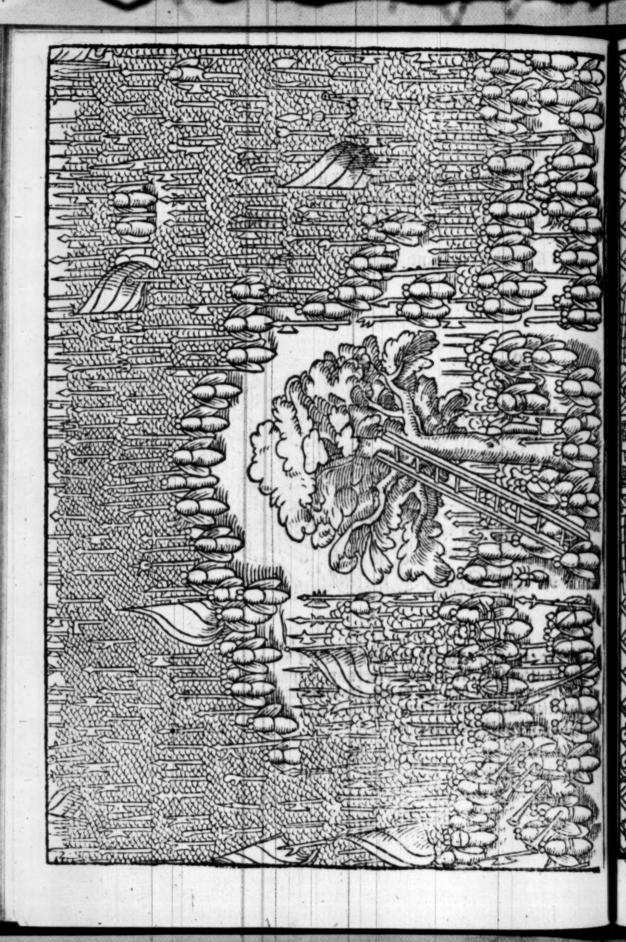
But first: yf we submit be, all are bodoone.
Meane mercie, nay mayne miserie: chalbe our ends
flies knees: to furious spiders, win no boone.
The seconde, and the best wate is, to extend:
Sum talke as I tolde: which if ye condisend:
To folow, we must enter talke in the same:
By sum other by e meane: then in our owne name,

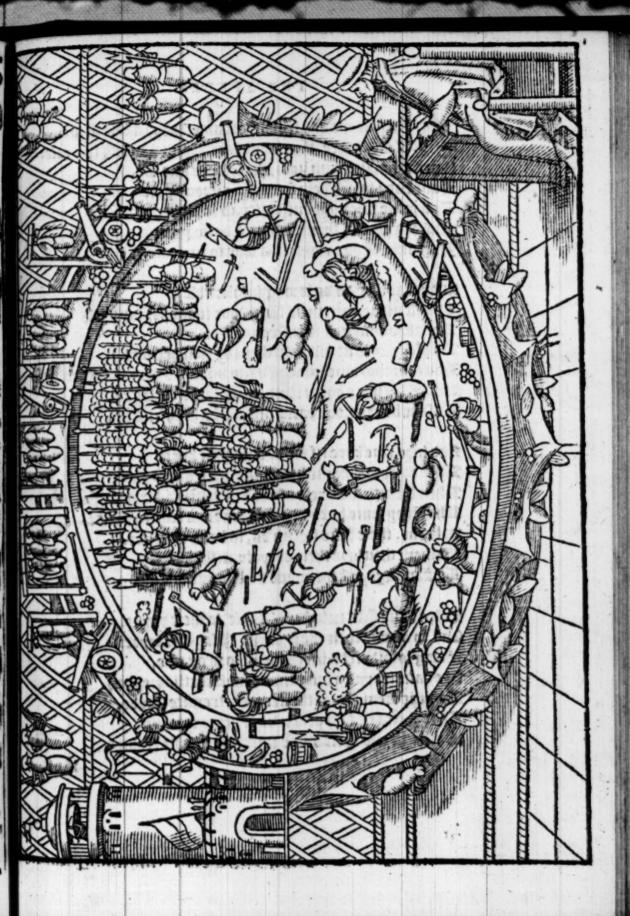
If we few directlie, spiders wilbe prowde.
And we eyther get no peace: or such a peace,
As betwene war and that peace, small choyse a bowde.
Exactions, raunsums, or fines, shall never cease.
Bonds of good abearing: shall have no release.
Flies lands, sies goods, sies lives, and sies liberte,
Manie clearlie lost, and all in teoberde,

But you folowing (as ye ought)my countel,
I will drive thant to make fute: this fute to few:
By a tale told to him here. which I will tell:
If ye will here it and foth it, the dies grew:
To a gree. Wherewith certaine dies for thant dein,
who: fet and fet at labber foote by the dife,
The Laptaine (to thant:) bid this tale deuise.



The captaine telth the ant that the flies have retired from thasaute: (wheare manie spiders are slappe) to se whether the spiders will sew so; peace, so; which since they sew not, the flies will assaute them agazne. But the ant they will bang strength before they go.





Af (pleyic and trew, thost and tharp) a tale of me: A Told to thee, thou must here. Thus standith the case. A great consict (evin now) the spiders and we, Have had: which sew spiders a piteous pace. Apil pittie wrought our retire, to se what grace: Might a pere in them: to sew to be sor peace, In giving be our right, this war to sursease.

And: that they do be wrong intolerable,
I durst make thee (their frend) our sudge (for my part)
The abhomination is enscrewtable:
To pronounce at full, how they (by will peruart,)
Danc wrongfullie wroong be, to wronges of most smart.
Which we have borne: and never theron wrokun,
Till the burden, our backs and necks hath brokun.

And when we hope (If we at ante time hope:)
That our breakbacke burdens: Chall cum to ende,
Then Chowth thencrese of our burdens: so large scope,
That they seme but be goon. Hone end sene tentende.
Wherin, their force forsith bs, to band in bende.
Rather: then hive their perpetuals Chakling,
To Cand agayns them, and Cick to our takling.

As we have likt now here (I faie) to their payne.
And to abold their more payne (I fay and fayde:)
Being loth: to fet a broch their blood againe,
We have traynd a long time (endiffrentlie weyde:)
To kepe them: from thertreme extremite flayde,
To fe their fewt for peace: bs to peace tatempt,
Which: thorow their owne faut, (we faie) is exempt.

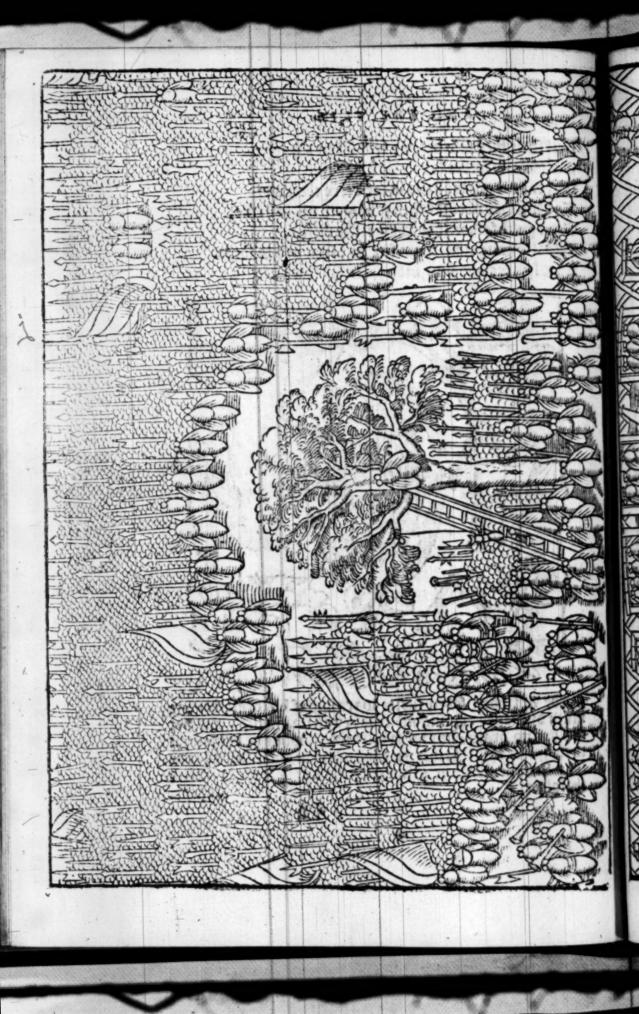
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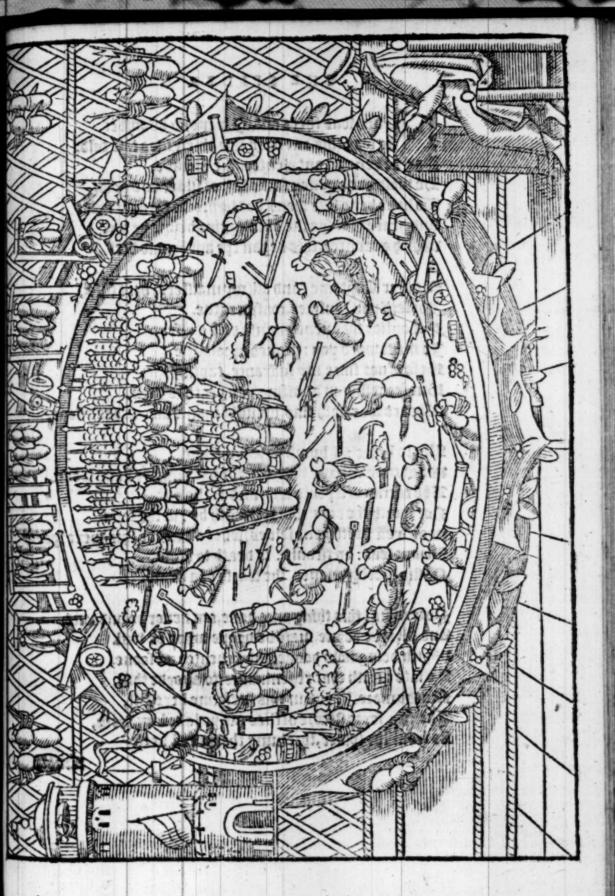
But since they sew not, we will set on a gapue. To leave no spider (or els no flie, a live. But ere we go: we have made decre certaine: To hang thee fireight. Ant: it booteth not to strive, Get a gostissather: that can thortie shrive. Dispatch hangman. Sum flie go: sum bell to toute. That spiders and sies, may praie sor thants soule.



The Ant open soden shorte warning of his death:bernge much dismayde, laying all that be can for his life, and yet can get no grace, he prayth respigot: while he be brought to the spider to se whether he wyll grow to anse peace to saus the antes life. Whiche graunted, the ant is brought before the spider.

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Dener was there ant, (I wene) to affonthe:
As was this ant upon this chiefe files tale told:
Dad be bene an ant plenteouthe monite,
De wold have genen tacks full of filner and gold:
To have bene tafe thems, but he preide them to hold:
And heare him speake once agains before he die.
Which graunted, this began the ant by and bie.

Mailier Laptaine (and all (my mailiers) here flife:)
I befech you confider, confideratife.
Not onlie: that none enmite both a rife:
In me toward you: proved aprobatife,
Before nor fince my fuffrance, captivatife:
But frenchip in advising you peace to kepe,
Wheare war hath fins, brought manie flies in dead flepe.

Also to bewe: I humblie you instant, what time ye have hango me, what thing ye have woon. The carcas of a poose weetched seelle ant. Not worth the rope that it hangth by: in the soon. way well (with your selves) what a threede this were spoon An innosent: by tiranie: to death to draw, No site thereby winner, the worth of a straw.

Note more: this thing once done, can never be bodoons.
And till it be doone, maie be doone when ye will.
Which being now doone: and repented as foone,
A o late cumth that repentaunce: to auspe thil.
Warke more. If you in this furic: me here kill,
Then the legre howre offlies (as ye take him) dieth,
as from the lyider, thrething therm exit lieth.

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Duoth the captaine turne the ladder: thant crive flag. If all this afore laide: my life will not laue, Here this device: deutled an other way.

That is: it mais like you: I your graunt to have:

Of one poore petition, which I last here crave.

Let me go: gardid to the spiders againe,

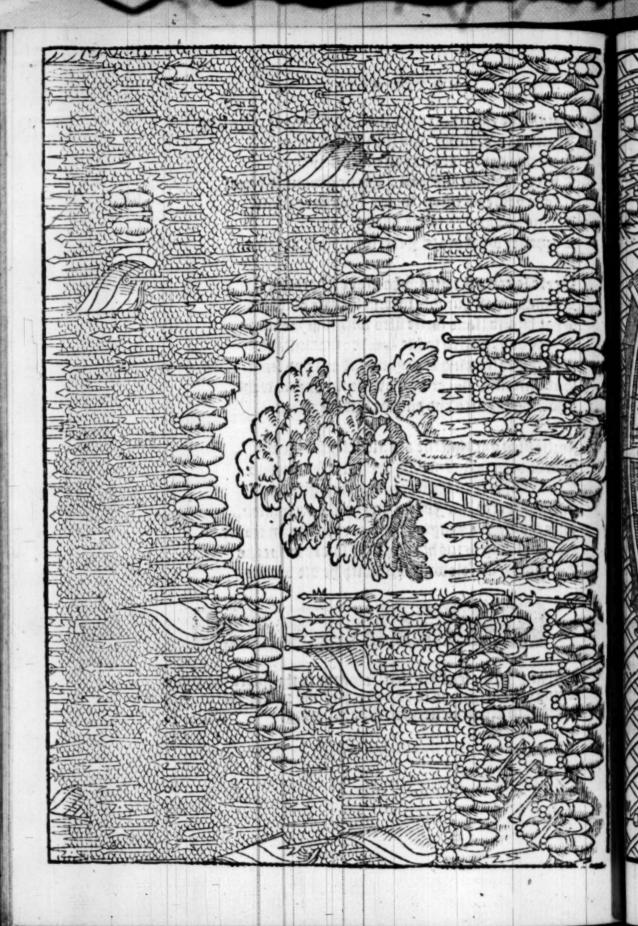
To prove: what peace I can for my life, obtaine.

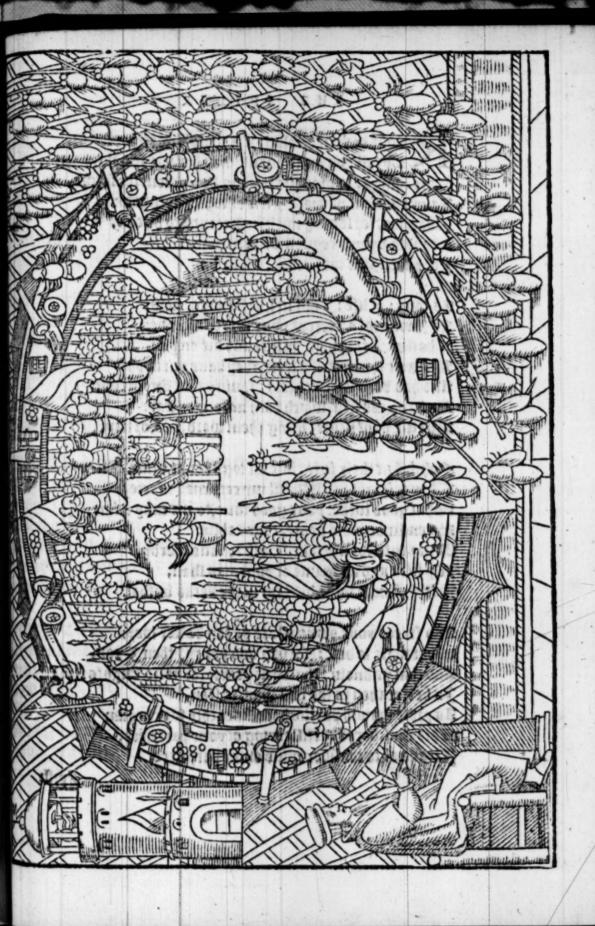
Beete so crive the flies: who made a harold go: To make most humble sute: in behalfe of thant, That he and (saue fortie flies with him) no mo, Might be admitted to his speche: that instant. The spider (seming to graunt it: hard and scant,) Bad him cum. Wherwith awaie the harold went, Showing the flies and ant, the spiders assent.

Mortie flies garding the ant, flew forth brauely.
The spiders fort, renewde and furnisht agayne.
The hed spider in the mids: flanding gravelie:
and (for terror) on Jedets and galows remaine,
flies thousands hanging: sum in rope sum in chaine.
Thant: being brought before the spider to speake
Dis minde (as followith) forthwith he did breake.



Tahant (inwate of peticion) lewinge to the spider for peace laying consideracions to provoke him the rather therto, the spider doth attentiuelie, geue the ant hering.





Ryght erelent hunkill, if I wofull weetche:
To call you mine unkill: may here be to bold,
Two things: to pronounce playulie without fer fetche,
Is my present purpose. First of which both hold:
Thankes, for saving my life. Deconde to be told,
Standth upon a request by petiscion:
For parell, like the first in condiscion.

As thus: of life: I am in like dannger now,
As I was then. (ercept your mercifull eybe:)
Ahe flies: being bent to live and die on you,
To lawt this castell a fresh, they have purusyde.
And had bene here ere this: lawing that they stepde:
To hang me first, which hath no longer stay:
But till I (of peace) bring them word, yea, or nay,

Mowhit at their lute: but all togither at mine.
They respight my life: till my returne: to trie,
what good lucke: your good love, to me may a sine:
We enclination to peace, charitablie:
At my sute, so; my sake. Both to save therby,
My life: and as manie of yours: as thall,
In this seerce so; ce, be clapt in the necks withal.

And lince: your owne estate ye can better wey:
what wate is best: (for you and yours) then I can,
And that ye know: the worst peace: (as wife wights ley:)
Is better then is the best war, to scan,
As profe howth partite here, since this war began:
This considered: considering of your part here,
I leave of to consider mine owne part clere,

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Appli: beleching you with me, and for me note.
To consider: I am in this parell brought,
the my selfe, for my selfe, nate by you for you:
without my seeking: by your owne request wrought,
and stinted reward, coruptie to be bought,
home ye offred, none I arid, nor none I have:
for none I sought: but your faver to bowsawe.

perondarkie: pour cale erk arbitrated:
Impirered: (as fer as my wit might force pour:)
which thowde to, when I the fame Iterated,
That I had woordes of thanke: from the mouth of your.
Thirdie: where chaunce of war: was to me to four:
That I (for you) was captine and thould have bide,
what (and how) things grew theron, here them specifies.

tithe flies first approch: toward this assaut,
To a tree they drew me: Areight to hang me there.
Ining of me, or laying to me: no faut,
but that I was your freend. In which deadly fers.
One flie: exit at tharbiterment (as other were.)
I payd to speake, that I might speake ere I dide.
Which was at last graunted: but tyris long denide.

My tale there, flood on two entents in effect.
In the faue mie felfe, an other to faue your my pours. And therein to frape but ulpest.
In for my felfe, I laybe that no flie could abobe that ever I offended flie: ere naw or now.
I haing them (therepon) to here and adjudge ms, is might most equallic fland with equits.

And for the lattie of you: and of yours here: To qualifie the feerte fur is of the flies, All trembling terror: that I could make apere, That might discorage the flies: in anie wife, That did I at the full: to the flies device. Which wrought such effect: and did their harts so pall, That they crive for peace: and wold have fled ny all.

But the cheefe die Aeping them: then agains me, Spake his pleasure theare, as you did after here. De saw and saide to the dies: that they might se: My counsell given them, was against them elere. And that I put them in seare to cum here mere: Onlie so, the love: that I to spiders bare, And to set my selfe at liberte, from dies snare.

Wher boon he moned, and they did consent: That I shuld be sent hither as sent was I, To tell a tale, to abate your furie bent. Wherin: if I brought you all as searefullie: To seare them: as I had brought them sozmerly: To seare you, then should I be set frank and free. Dress (at my returne,) hango strength should I bee.

Dere: to prolong my life, nature prouokt me: Ao make you a fraide of them, sumwhat to sais. But yet agains to that: affection yok! Ao reason so sayntife, when that I vid invey, That you (by reason) treight wiped that feare away. So: which, I was no soner returns bometh. Ere I had at the sites handes) sudgement of beth.

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If Pifyit at your requelt, for you and not for me: 3 cam: craving no reward but your good will. becond: in tharbitrate cale I wrought decre, To the belt for you. As fer as I could fail, Thirdlie, for your fake: to beath most bile or fil, I was then drawne: and am now drawing agains. Except my greefe: fum grace, of you obtaine.

That is: that it maie like you, to fles to graunt, Beace: Duch as dispaire give no cause to refuse, and prive give no cause, it proudle to avaunt. But as mesurable meane: measure endewise: Do(of your grace) graciousie them to vie.
This love toward my life: please it you to how, so reward els(at your handes) crave I to grow.

This endid: the ant made curtiep to the ground.
At which the lpider gave him a beck low boude.
But: before he anie woord: to thant did found,
De pawide folemlie, as any spider coude.
which boons: berte louinglie: but not berte loude,
In maner allewred. And in woordes right grave,
first thentre: and then thend of answere he gave.

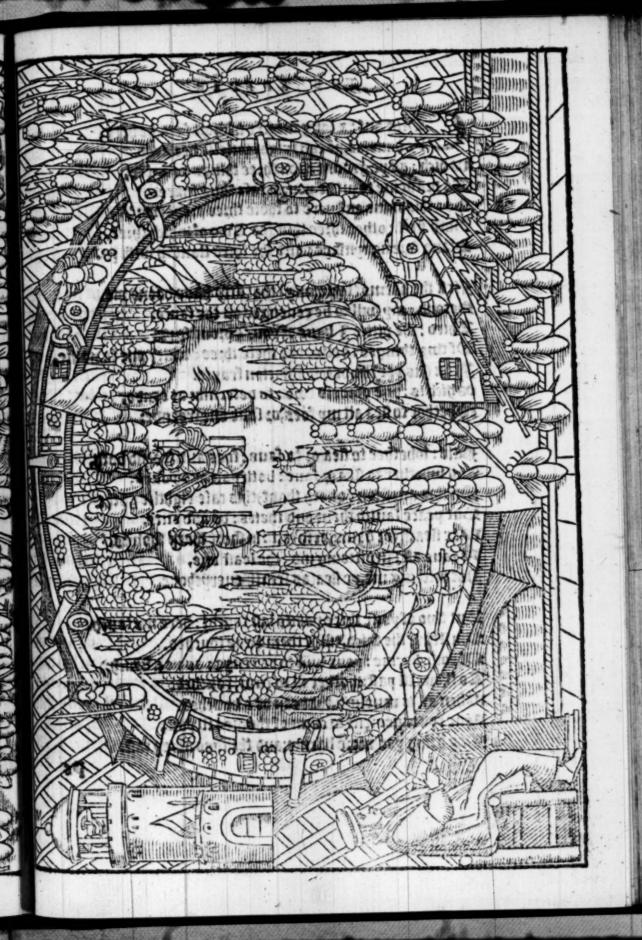


The spider (byon thants tale tolde to him) alegith certaine thinges by which he semeth in doubte much to graunt peace to the flies. Wherin the ant and he traverling sumwhat: anon be graunteth peace to them under condition expect, where with thant is brought to the flies agame.

Cap. 75.

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Dilin ant: a long matter in thost speeche here,
pe haue (as ye can) right wiselie beclared.
which: as ye grounded on three things to apere,
To draw me to pittie you, in case thus snared,
so: this mine answere to those three prepared:
hath in it: other three thinges. A wo of which three,
hand sore agaynst ye: and the third standth with ye.

First the harme (by wrong) that flies have boone me. Second: my will to be revengde on the same.

Third: the pittie I have of you. I promise ye:

Of two thinges: betweene these three: which one to name,

I can (as yet) no determination frame.

which is: one of these two: to determin at eende,

whether to sea all my foes, or save one freende:

Naie: whether to flea of to laue: loes and freend both, And whether to flea of laue: both you and yours, On this question (quoth thant) this case rightlie goth: But peace lauith them and theirs: be and ours.
War fleath (of daungerth) all: in short tharp showes, Pe saue all: in pitteing me: the least one, Not pitteing me, ye sea (as semth everythone.

But two of your three points last toucht: bere me touch.
Omitting the third, till I them have touched.
Of your harme: your will to revenge: as ye a bouch:)
To thone ill past: thother ill to cum, couched:
When all is revoluid, that can be a bouched.
Pour revengement to cum: of thesies til past,
May bring you more harme; and the sies away cast.

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pea: cast you and yours awaie to, (I lay) it may:
Ind (where your parson) to speake my minde plaine,
your delire of survey revengment: to way,
Declarth much crewelte: in you to remaine.
The least sies raunsum bath bene lost of his braine,
That in time past bath toucht here: and now in sight,
Thousands of sies saine, and hange in present sight.

Thus to; their yll, and your will: thill to revenge: pour pointing of those two points: dispoynted be. In that quared: charitee both you chalenge: In deadlie defiance: of all enmite.

Then palling these two points, to this thy; d pas we. Bittle: wherey charitee here to end; ale,

I hour all cases, pittie this pitefull case.

And pittle: in you thowbe here now but ome, Commodite to your felle: I thinke thall gaine. Ilyou (in this respect of pittle) agre: Lo take peace with the flies, though pe loss suffaine: My life to lane: in recompence of my payne: bands and harts of Ants: old and youg: great and small, Lo serve you in your neede, ye are sure of all.

And contrartwife: If I here now go to weache, where you thall me flea: in that ye mais me faue, fot onlie freenothip: of all ants ye thall lacke, that all creaturs living: thall you depeaue: And abhop, where they: speech of thought of you have: Agamit you (in this case) least mite in a cheese, In his most might: will fight, in blood to his timeste.

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To this (all that I can late) what ye will be,
I humblie befethe you (foorthmith) to beclare.
Life, or beath, which one of two to trust into,
Is my deepe befire. That I maie now prepare,
My somathe redie, according to my fare.
My minde I meane to die: or els to line,
As your pleasure is, my death or life to give.

Losin ant (quoth the spider (pittie toward you: And anger toward them, wreastleth in me sore. The flies spight to spiders: to show what and how: They have spighted bs: from long before: Laying their fauts on our backs, and enermore: By clayming our commons and such other like, Slaundring our titles: quarels fill they pike.

Dir (quoth the file) fauts on both fives I have berd, which on both parts, I with to be mendid.

The nert wate wherto, is peace to be preferd.

By war, no part mended, all parts offended.

War walleth all things: where war is thus bendin.

In pittle wherof, by peace all its to mende,

Beace to all parts: I with Aill an ende.

Mell colin: cheefelie: yea onlie for your faket.
In recompence of your pains: at my belire,
Wardon I gene flies: and peace thus thall they take.
I will all flies, out of hand hence to retire.
And that they in tumult, no furder conspire.
But that they cleare discount this conspiratie,
and enerte flie flee home, to line pelablie.

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They that now: let you at liberte also wag, and bagage: to go Areight home franch and free. And in this window and all, (wheare my powers go:) Walf the hooles for theirs, I graunt to them fro me. And the flie that this began, Itill here to be. Atanding byon his triall in consequence, as franch with reason, law, custome, and conscience.

which (as 3 promised him, (3 will performe. This is your end. And flies warne your felowes flise: To be ware henceforth, of these deeds enorme. And by their harme here present, to war so wise: That thei never atempt more, thus to arise: Against their beggers or betters: such as bee, Placed thus, above fites in auctoritee.

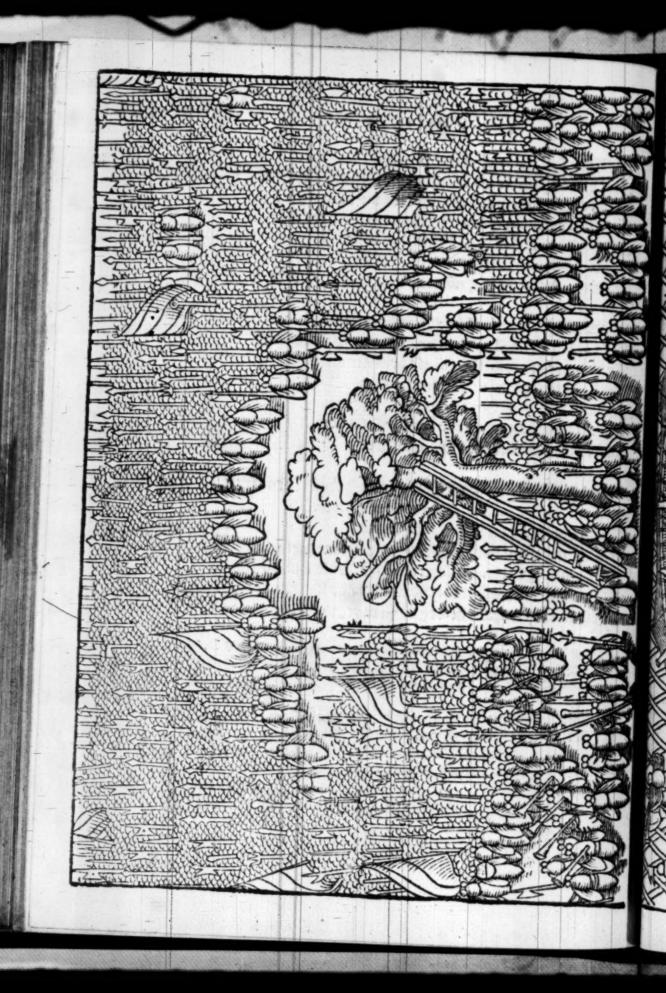
Breat god fane you (quoth thant) quoth those flies amen. Low curtise they made, and awate they flew:
To the camp of flies: and there and then,
Ozesenting thant to them, aboute thant they drew.
With panting barts. To perceine, what wold ensem.
Wherewith: the ant at curtise with knees low boude,
These sweete wordes be began, in voyce right longe.

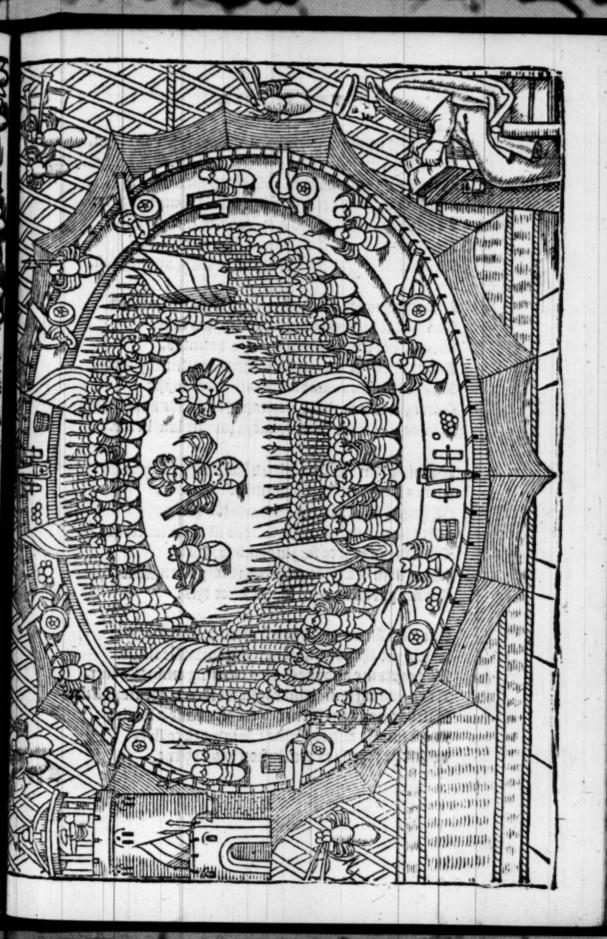


Thant declaring peace: as it is graunted, the flies in muche iove set the ant toankfullie at libertie, and home goeth he. Wherbpon the captaine commaundeth all flies to draw nere to here him speake ere they depart. But they flee all awaye a sew excepte.

Cap. 76.

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Deace: and pardon: I bring now into your laps.
The on these wordes spoke, there was such a thris spoke.
Toloing by their bands: casting by their caps,
Such toping and resogning: the whole campe aboute:
As selve hath ben beard and seene, in such a route.
Long was it: ere silence wold fullie be woon.
But at last it was woon: which doone thant begoon.

Deace to pronounce, in forme as it was graunted.
And that it was graunted onlie for his lake.
When he at end (to them) had it a vaunted,
And that he : of his gard thither: did witnesse take:
They all of the same : affirmation did make.
Streight waie : the halter taken from the ants necke,
The captaine sie gave thant, a lovelie low berke.

Praying him: to let all hard handling pali,pas.
And to confider: that in nombre fo greate,
All be not one flies broode: and we he was,
That he had thowbe him felse so ill: him tentreate.
Defiring him, it to forgive, and forgeate.
(Sir quoth thant) forgiven and forgotten, all is:
Hor my part, and ever thalbe after this.

And such sies as erst, had frowninglie faste him: Louinglie they then, on him did smothlie smile. The captaine and cheef sies: having embraste him, They geving him thankes, in wordes of pleasant siles Discharging him thence, I let him passe a while: Most tocund and toyfullie: homiward to see, While ye: the sies conclusion have by me.

The ant being gone, the captayne forthwith: Made proclamation, to be berd there faie.
But thousands (after hundreths) are gone evin sith.

Till all: within fortie, we are flowne quight awase.

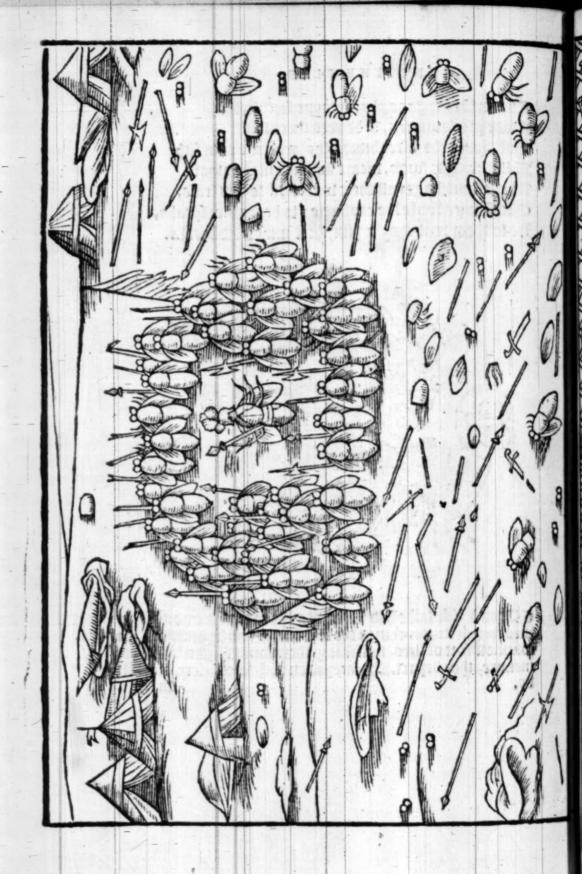
The rest, most agaynst their will: forst to this fraie,

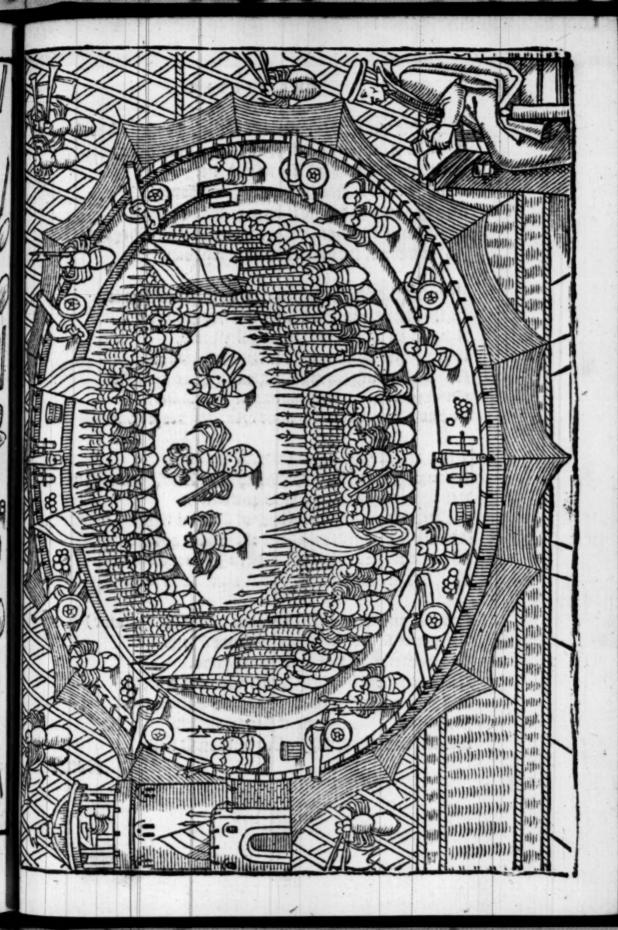
Gathering aboute the captayne: to heare him speaks,

De to them: and they to him, their minds did breaks.



Apon a litle talke had betweene the captaine and the few flies there lefte, touchinge the rewdnesse and lightnesse of the common fort of flies, missiking their former light lewde bes menure, they depart. The campes on both sides, clere brookers by.





I Dw like pe this rudenette of thele flies (quoth be-) as pll as anie light I have feene (quoth one) well (quoth an other) it is no nouclte:

Common fort of flies (in maner everithone)

As giods cum and go, so flies cum and are gone.

Ditimes when frivis are (by wrangling flies) begoon,
In the mids of the matter, awaie they roon.

Leaving flies in the briers: whom they fort therto, As they forced me. But I am this time tought: Agapult an other time: what I hall to.
And we (quoth other) thither forfiblie wrought.
My mind (quoth the captaine) was to have brought: Dur campe in order disclued. Sir (quoth one)
Pe know they that know none order, can keepe none.

I told at first (those flies that forst me out)
Abough I tooke (as I tooke and take) our clayme right:
Bet agaynst our superiors, to be flout:
A o attayne our right: by force of surious sight,
I blinde slie might se that out of the wate quight.
Which wold not be heard: but ere I agayne sturt
As I now surd, Ile be hangd at mine owne dur.

And we (quoth the reff). Freendes (quoth the captaine)
I was not fort at beginning: to cum foorth.
I rather foreced other: but to be plaine,
The gayne in this is: ney feene: what it is woorth,
And what dawnger this and like enterprife Coorth
Ite not four thus agayne, if I maie fit fill:
And foort to fur thus, Jie fur with an ill will:

Better

AND THE PLIE

Better frioth woodes to gene: then finart firipes to take, pamelie where firipes win nought: a woodes male win all. Against the streme, firste againe I will not make. But take at spiders bands, as in peace may fall. I se what it is: to spurne against the wall, home will I in peace. and in peace a bide there, weithing peace thinstrument, right to trie eche where.

we withe the lame (laive the reff) all taking flight: from thence: nothing theare left: but themptie place, whereboon: the spider, brake by his camp quight. which bone, I flerted by a speedle pace.
Looking out at the window: there to purchase: A sight (yf I could) of the ant: cume home new, what solem salutations, thould there ensew.



Ggi

Abant

Thant being cum to his molehill: solemlie reseined of hys wife, and childerne, and a great numbre of ants, he telth (to them all a tale discoussinge theffect of all his trouble, had a monge the spiders a dies. willing them diligentlie to marke, what he sayth.

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AND THE FLIE !

Otle at a lates hole, castinge mine ipe, A molhill I spide: as the emergy greene. The grasse low lepoe: and but the window nie, Thant new entring the same: who when he was seene, On so soben warning, never was (I weene) Luch a nombre of ants, as were on that hill. To thow outward tokens, of inward goodwill.

At thants first entre, a lane of ants was mate.

Everie and by the waie, shaking that ants fist.

And sumwhat moze then the midwaye of that glade,

Dis wife met him: whom he full sweethe kist.

Dis babes fell on knees. Whom he devoutlie blist.

Wherepon: all ants having that ant imbraste,

These wordes saide he to them: amid mong them plasse.

Dere kinstolkes: and alies manie: and freendes all. what pe have herd of me: sins I from you went, That know I not. But my selfe here report shall: Demy trobulus tragidie, theffect servent.
In telling which tale, mine effectuall entent:
Is: that pe all shall now marke much: what I saie:
And all marke much more, whie I saie: that I saie.

But what I fate: mark first. I thinke ye know all: That my yong colin spider was with me here: To cum to his father: my hunkle: at call, But the cause wherfoze he wild me to appere: Whether ye know or not: that know I not clere. My knowledge wherof: to witnes that ye know, In full and sew woordes, (as I can) I shall show.

Gg tti

A notable file: hath late chaunled to light, In that spiders copied the spider by that, Charging the file: with desert of death: by right, The file: to deserve to die, denying flat. Beferhing the spider, to here him speake sumwhat. De graunting him speeche, and to sudge his offence, Standing with reason, law, cultome, and conscience.

The spiders chalenge to the flie, gave great charge.
Wherto (as fer as I could there understand,
The flies desence, was very lutty and large.
In which chalenge and desence: when all was scand,
To cum to ende, they two could not take in hand.
But being dreven to choose arbiters tagre,
The slie choose a butterstie, the spider chese me.

This one: of their manie matters tarbitrate.
At triall (by cultom) on which five to lay,
All holes, in that and all windows in eche Kate.
The flies claiming freehold: for free passing way.
The spiders for spiders saide: so, all hold they.
Wheron: we bering all sides what could be leive,
we could not agree, how the case might be weive.

To anie one live of both: lo that at ende, In our report, (to that lpiver and that flie,) The cale as we first founde, we left it to depende. The lpiver and flie in copweb: thend to trie, Whervoon the flies: in a fume by and bie, where lodenlie bp: in a rought, on a rose. Such a flock, as I have never leene before. Their warlike falhin: thowde them bent to fight:
But in a moment, a bout me they compas.

They drew me to a tree: Randing nie in fight:

mheare: with halter aboute my nerk: on labor let,

Turne the labor they cribe, none other glace to get.

caning the forlayde arbiter butterfile, Thom great and longe fute, at last obtende.

Of them to here me speake: before I moule die.
But ere I spake (what to speake) seeing busaynd
Life or death lie before me,) I was constraint;
(As that short time wolde seeme) to premeditate,
how to conserve my selfe, and the spiders state.

As affection naturall: moned me moze:

To leane to the spiders: then toward the dies,
And of my tale: the berie carnell of core,
Must stand on two points (me thought in anie wife.

Thone, to persuade no faute in me to surmiser

Against them. Abother to make them to relent,
So ensoring the sorre, of spiders sorre bent.

In first part of topich tale, my fantes I clered:
That they (to touche me with) could ante wate late.
And where: by the rest of my tale, appeared,
Their deaths plaine: (as I there foves toxicots displain.)
They ther boom all: welnie coming awais
I handling the tale so, from first partto cends,
That the most part (simple size) tooks me their freends.

Sout

Dening (to the flies) my politik intent, Dening (to the flies) my politik intent, Unleane to the flies: till be made them le it plaine, Dim leffe leeing his baunger above all bent, If the flies dio flee, their flight then to prevent, De inverse fuch matter to them: that a none, De coraged them to frant, all former feare gone,

Apat 3:befoze the spiders, a tale to tell,
Should be fent forwith, with fortie flies gardeb.
Wherin: if I made spiders feare flies: as well:
Dr as much (in my saying serius or fell:)
As I brought flies of spiders before in seare,
I should go quight. If not, at returne hang theare.

I laybe I molde bo my bed and therwithall, standing on the labber, my two winges dert out.
As in a time of our time, is naturall, which had: I deiv garded with this garded rout, we follow the life one low made, is not what of that: my curtie one low made, is a bled wasdes: my natter to perfushe.

where: although I wolne have fold another fale:

Pet who male not as he will, must as he mate.

Life was sweete, death was sowre: nature of mehale.

To save mplife, while my life in my tounge late:

Short tale to make, in fale so to I there saie:

That spiders in searc of sies, had agony

as much, as flies of spiders had somerly.

mbere

AND THE PLIE.

wherwith: the hed spider sell in sell furie.
I teard he wold (with his wepon) have kild me;
and successed my frendes from Tersey to Jurie:
Dad not saved my life: but he wolde have spild me;
Dad not his soze graunt: waranted and wild me;
To sum and go safe, but this passing over.
De entred a talke, the spiders to reconer;

And encorage agapue. Which in fine he div. Bringing me in much divayne, and more diffrust. He laive, that one both those parts, I disemblid. Creeping with spiders : at times when I lust, and slieng with slies: othertimes, enine as Just. Where I to him, ment nothing but honestic. He reported my meaning, cleane contrarie.

Enlampled, by my creeping with spiders furth: And last exampled: by my fleeing with file. In reste of his tale told, he telling the wurst: Against me and my tale: that he could denife, De such matter laybe, and laybe it in such wise, That in cozage (I saie) were the spiders agayne. We with his designce, returning a mayne.

To the flies: by one flie: all past repeated, which: vectaring me: the spiders to have frayde, as I was wild to ao, strength was it treated: (Upon demaund) whether in that I there saide, I should have my life or not. which to be waide: Betwene two flies: a serius argument: whether I should live or die, was biglie bent.

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THE SPIDER TO A

The one laide: that I by cumnant, ought to line. Pai laide thother: by cumnant he ought to die: The first laide: as wordes of cumnant do give: To bring the lpider in scare, entine so did I.

Thother laid, that feare heeld not permanentise And: the woordes sulfilo: the meaning not sulfild, The cumnant is not kept. In sudgement well skild,

This argument they turns and tolt till at last,
The freend, quight overtheew thadversarie.
And yet against me, the most nombre streight past.
As though thargument had ron, cleane contrarie,
On the ladder I stoode, streight to missarie:
From which: at turning of, by the sie hangman,
Dold: cride a sie ser of, singing toward by than.

Which flie laide: the spider had made a decree:
The flie in close prison with him deteynde:
Should freyght leese his life, if the flies did kill me:
Wherbyon they repryede me to prison theynde.
With harnest flies watcht: and in Cocks remeinde.
Betwene hope and dread, whether to live or die,
As this live, or that live, should win victorie.

Forthwith herewith, on the spiver they gave laute.
Where five hundreth spivers: and five thousand fies,
we are slaine. Abating on bothe sides cotage haute,
The fites retired: peace sum wate to benife.
The spivers: we are desirus of peace, likewise.
But which part should begin sute: that peace to move,
Both parts showde as much curtile, as little love.

AND THE PLIE.

The flies had me before them braging in boll.

That lins spiders to them: for peace wood not sew, spiders: or flies one part of both thousand be crost:

Quight out of this life, none left a line to bew.
And strength to the ladder, against they me drew.
Protesting that I should die: ere they marcht thence,
I praying them, my lyfe might hang in suspence.

While I weare garded againe, to the spider.
Ao sew to the spider, all in mine owne name.
To see: of what peace, hap might be provider.
At mine humble sute: but him sor the same,
They graunted, and sent me. to whome when I came,
I sewde sor peace. beserving it the rather,
Hor certeine respects, which I then did gather.

Such as thowd then: hie time: peace to give and take. As: baunger to him and his: and then for mer Most Innofentite cast awais, for his lake. Hauting, or looking, for no comodite: But onlie his faver: and hereupon her (Seming loth to graunt: and glad to graunt in decde, Graunted peace, in forme as forwith thall profeeds.

The flies must all awaie: and all war furfease.

3: set at liberte: no longer to lis fast.

flies in windowes, to have halfe the holes in pease.

The flie with him in prison, not to release:

But to take an end at his hands: theare or thence,

as kandth with reason, law, custom, and conscience,

This

But

But note: I must take this bone all for my love.
In recompence of paine and parell had theare:
This bone, I and the sies theare, as did behone:
Bening thankes: and taking leave, thence gone we weare:
To the sies. who sockt about me geuing eare:
To here of peace. Which when I theare had beclarde,
with thanks I was discharged, of all captive garde.

From whens I am (as you le) hether now cum. The one halfe of my whole tale: having displayde. For: of what I have to saie: this is the sum. But now wherfore this what (now saide) is saide: As I: at beginning with this what: well waide, So wothe I this wherefore: to be ward as well. For saftic of all ants, which I hall now tell.



Thant

AND THE FLIE

Thankhaufing faid: whathe wolde faie, willeth all ants to note whiche faid, that he faide. Whiche is to warne them by his armes to bewate, how they meddle in matters betweens Cap. 79. fpiders and flies.



And you : anothing your harms : by harms of mine,

The whie : of my former tale, ye then well way.

for of the what, that is the whie : in fine.

Pour heareing and following : of which displine
(with heareing and following : my nert wordes here set,)

Defence fro my like harms, I hope ye thall get,

My which harms: though they those outwardlie to grow: Wy warres froward chaunce: without faut of mine owne. Pet the high god knowth, and my conscience doth me those: That these my harms, of these my two sauts are growne. Withe, and conetoninesse: by corrupt blast blowne. Into my hart inculked: by fancie sonde, which to warne you of, Ile make you budersonde.

Though the spiber sent for me : ere I hence went,
Pet when I was sent sore, proude was I to go:
Wheare: I thought to grow: in state more erelent,
Then anie and before had growne and so:
Bearking with spiders: in top of the windo,
I thought there: with the spiders equal to be,
And here, in anthis, ants a god should take me.

And for the mayntenance: of that proude efface, I conetoullte call, what way to finde meane. Being about all ants, in place lituate, by preferment (at the spiders hand, (to gleane. Difice, see, all that I could, to gather by cleane. Low curtile, great riches, mirth, ease, love, and laude. I thought all should be offred, me to a plawde.

But

AND THE FLIE.

But in fine, this was the frute of this baine hope:
Loue, or lande, on no live: on all, hate and blame.
For goloin theine at my necke, an hempen rope.
For reverence and prayle, dilbayne and befame.
Looking to win much, leafe all. As in the fame:
Showd my reward: at end of all, at hands all.
Damlie at spiders hands, who did me thither call.

As he: in graunting peace to the Ales, thowde plaine.

which peace he faire, (I faie) with flies he did take,

To faue my life, and to recompence of my payne.

And for no cause els. Wut let be bere make,

As it in deede: had bene done all my sake.

Pet: the hed and take of this tale: Ioyned nie,

Shall show that I right nought did win therby.

what pf: to faue my life, that peace be then gaue:
My life was out of parell: till I came theare,
When the binn: for him, to the brinks of my grave,
Dav I kept me bere, neither parell nor feare:
Dav my hart wounded, as it did thears while ears,
This gift is like as if a threefe (by false traine,)
Robo me of my good, and gave it me agains.

I lost my time theare, and I lost my theist here.
In somer (ye know) we ams works busiles.
In significant to provide our some everie yere.
But: lack of this somers payes diligentife.
Way make me sall two dayes in winter (happlie.)
And drive me (per haps) ere winter all done be, a restained.
And beg of ants, that might els have beggde of me.

Tibut

In all my which punishment: at all whose hands,
I take them: but as the great gods infruments.
Dis judgement are foccet: he vieth his wands,
hum times: in apparence of outward intents,
To one purpose: when his high wisdome assents,
To ble them for an other. And hure,
I thinke he now put so, my trankle in bre.

For my two late lantes willing you to beware,
Df all ambitius: and couclus defire.
In a boiding (for mylike offence) my the rare.
which if ye do, deeing defire to alpive,
Then can ye this letton: as I wold require.
And not boing it: byon this warning geomene,
be will therto (by my like plage) to be dresuens.

And viv we confluer, but this prefent life.

Pet mult we live in an order here (perve:)

The god hath platte us all: to live out of arite:

Spiders, flies, and ants, erh fort in their degre.

Spiders, in head parts of windows: the heads be.

Alies, in the mids: the bodie as it weare.

Ants at the low part; the feete, acquired theare.

And as a spider: over materith a fil, which can be seen to big for an antiwhich semeth incought by devine providence (thinke I,)
As our degrees (are in order) distant; the state of the degrees of our strengths, are discrepant.
And where all three sorts: kepe quiettie their plate,
all line together, inquiet welthy case.

AND THE FLIE

But if they (for change of place) begin to firiue, as spiders and flies (two parts of three) did now, They mais hastelie strive, and soulie thrive.
And to the spider: in our alegeant bow:
In all lefull things, all we ants alwaie bow.
Without greefe or gruge, but if war againe rise, what should ants medle: between spiders and fliese.

We warns here againe (by my harme) of medling. Medle we in things, of our vocacion. One flies finger thruth ten ants, bowne hebling. Ants are not made: to walke in warres flacton: Por to medle in seuere consultation. Medle we in our molehils: at the windows feete: And let spiders and flies do: as they thinke meete.

They shall for me, (quoth be) and for is crive thate. And to their busines, busile they went. Wherwith cum source stees seeing, fast as they male. And at low part of the window: by astent, They lighted. and the spider then him selfe bent, from his house to his cheire: and I forwith, Set in my place: of their woords, to note the pith.



Hours

Thoure files (in the name of al files) at the copweb, thanking the spider so, pardon and peace, declaring the condicions and the personance on their part) sew to the spider on his part, to personne his graunt, in laying out & possessing them of they, limites with halfe the holes in the window, which he graunteth bidding them a litle time state, in which while: he senoth the yongest spider of his twaine to the ant, praying him to cum to him againe. To deuide and deliner the holes to the sites as the spider will apoince them.

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AND THE FLIE.

Oc flie of those soure (made the mouth for all, at curtise to the spider had) these woords had. Framed in maner (to the matter) formall. Right honorable sir: most dere and most drad. All slies, (thei of your prosperus estate most glad.) Zaue commanded bs: to commend them: to you, Zoumblie, and dewlie as deutie bioth them both.

So thanking your gifts to them, perdon and peace. Then these condicions: as they understand, warres: and conspiracies, on their part to seace. Than to be set free, out of their captive band. The sie here in posson: to have end at your hand, as standth with reason, law, custom and conscience. Valse holes in windowes theirs: all times from hence.

which cummants they recepue, and put in bie.
In what they hould do, and in what they hall have,
They ther boon lend do, to know your pleasure.
What time: and what waie: ye will take to bouch sue,
To poinct and possesse them, in that ye them gave.
Binding them: (by indifferent devided rate,)
To with contenuance, of your present state.

At their curtie made, to this: the spider saide: This sute I graunt: tarie my returne againe. In he went: and herin to have the ants aide, To thant, he sent the least spider of his twayne. Vaying thant to cum to him: and take the payne, To be his deputie: tenseste the sites in sine, with halfe the holes wheare as the spider wold a sine.

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Thant

Thant spying his colin cumming, likte it not.

Dum thanklesse office was toward againe (thought he:)

Thosow the window, I saw he quicklie gat:

One leg, and his waste, in swadeband rold to be.

And crutches by his side, a two of a three.

That spider cumming to thant: where as he late,

These: of these like words, that spider did sice.



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AND THE FLIE

Tipon this mellage done, thant feind a let of his cuming: by a hurt mischanling him that morning. with which answere, the yongespider returneth to the olde.

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Losin

Dlin ant, rell you mery. Colin (quoth thant)
pe be welcum. what good tivings do ye bring.
My father propeth you (quoth he) at this instant,
To cam to him: and for the holes delivering,
which he in windows graunted: at warres ending.
To be therein, his deputie of trust:
To le slies posses, of their nombre just.

Bood colin (quoth the ant) it will not be.
In a dark house (right now) where candle was light,
The light dailing mine ives: it so blinded me,
That against the snul of a candle: burning bright,
I sew. force of which fyre and snul: in which sight,
Mischaunce (that all misabuentours alwaie brings.)
Brake one of my leggs, and burnd one of my wings.

So that I now: can neither creepe no; fil.

The which: for mine owne harme greeneth me right fore.

And as fore for his lake: that now can not I

In this cale, ferue him as I have done before.

Thus commond me colin: I can faie no more.

That spider tooke his leave: and to his father freight,

Told what answere he had, at thant in releight.

who feeing the ant did not cum, forth he went:
with a long rod in his hand: taking his cheyre.
which when I faw, to be furder what he ment,
To my cheyre in my place: I did then repeyre.
The foure flies before him, stoode in order feyre.
whearwith (in few woords) a briefe tale there told he,
which done he possess them, in plat here to be.

AND THE FLIE.

The spider after a sew woods to the soure sies, assneth to them al the smal holes beneth. Dalse the holes in numbre: but scant the sixt parts of the rooms. At whiche they sumwhat grudge. But they must take them of none.

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freends

Pou foure, and all flies: your frend thall finde me, and to make you bnable to accuse me,
In lacke to performe: as promise both binde me,
Cloon your present sute, I have encline me:
To alline and possesse you: here and els wheare,
De halse the holes in windows: wheare I pour beare,

Exampled: by these holes: sust halfe, as they stand.
Them: and none but them: to have and to hold.
Wherwith: he pointed benethe with his wand,
To all the small holes. saying what sie that wold:
Touch anie hole theare: but those to them then told,
De should die thersoze: which plat thus disposed,
One sie (to the spider) these words disclosed.

Sir (mate it like you) the meaning of all flies, was to have: with halfe the holes, halfe the plat here. And I flie (quoth the spider) ment otherwise. without survey pleding: take as doth appere. And think your selves well handled: for this is clere. I might (yf I wold,) my graunt agains withdraw. And that withdrawing, Julissie well by law.

At time of this graunt, I was (as who fay.)
Strelled by you: you prisoner (as it weare)
And all bonds so forced, of no force are they:
We answerd: and warnd, rebellion to so; beare.
As everie sie: had had a sea: in his eare,
At curtise low made, from the spider they sank.
They meruelus blank, and the spider as crank.

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AND THE PLIE

what have we woon now, (quoth one) as they tooks wing, wife thes fair: as good fit will: as rife and fall.
But what a fall have we now: by our rifing: we fave, we had fum part: now we have lost all. In effect, yea (quoth one) this bath bene and shall.
Wheare flies (with specific bath bene and shall.
The we win nought but insectionesse, the craft will not theire.



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The foure lies flowne thence, the spider to the flie in petfon leith: that in all kinds of triall that daie on both parts laide, he thinketh his owne part appoued belt. As he thinketh the flie wolde thinke were he a spider contrarie indgement suberof, the flie thinketh in the spider were he a flie is herupon thep agree to change places (ethe for the time) to imagin and set footh others part the best they can.



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AND THE PLIE.

The file fall before him: as he erlt had bene, To draw to end, in hand with the file he fyll. Alie (quoth he) now hall thou in this matter sene, all kinds of triall, that can be sene I wine. Reson, law, and custom, full resoned and call. Arbiterment, and rebellion at last.

which rebellion (I think) thou diost benile,
when thou diost rowne the buttersie in the eare.
Anie (quoth the sie) the trewth is clere otherwise.
I praide him to praie sies: all war to sorbeare,
which he will saie. sie (quoth he) saie he or sweare:
I trust none of you. This trithe trewth like in presse,
as to are my selow, whether I be a theese.

But weare it lo: of not: I forgive it thee.
In all this bybble babble: had here this daie:
what had thou woon therby: that let be le.
All cales past here: indifferentlie to waie:
waie more on my lide: then on thine, I dare laie.
I fate and think nate (quoth he) and so think wold you:
weare ye a sie, in cale as I am here now,

And weare thou a spider: as I am here plasse,
I think thou wouldst think as I think: and to grow:
Sum wate to end, one triall mo to take,
Lest be change places a while: for to know,
what change of oppinion, that change mate thow.
I:maginning my selfe, to be a die.
Thou:thinking thy selfe, a spider bufayned lie.
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Thou

Thou the spider: and I the flie: to be name.

Thou resoning so; the spider, all that thou male.

And I so; the flie: in like case will be frame.

This take I (quoth the flie) a verie good wate.

Place and case (in apparence) softhwith chaunge thap.

The flie: solemlie set in the spiders chepze,

The spider: to the flies vale place did repeyse.



They

AND THE FLIZA

Exhep having Chaunged places: they alege eche for his diffembled side. Wherin the flie anone is so alured to pride and ambyshoon in occupying (for the while) the spiders statelis place, that he at last with an othe affirmeth that spiders are owners of all windowes. The spider graunting it trem, stereteth, to the flie, seeming to take end upon the slices owne sudgement.

Cay. 34.



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De flie : being once fet in the spivers place, Admaunst him selse, setting hands buder his side. The spiver croucht in countenance milde and base: Looking pale and wan, as though he should have bide. Which change (byon this soden) when I espive, It printted in me: a wonderfull wunder,

To se partise (from their parts) so a sunder.

Dew matter they laide small. But that most touched: That had bene erst alegde. Both parts growing: Little and little, stoughtlie to be couched, Eth to others: against his owne part now spewing. Damlie the sic: for the spiders part crowing. With spiderlike: spightfull woords: as hote and hie, As he had bene the spider, and thother the sie.

De was from the flies part: so caried a waie, they being sodenlie: there thus elivate, That: all cleyme leyde by the spider there: that daie, The flie ruld, for right of most lawfull right rate. So ferforth he forgat: where and how he sate: That boon the cheyreboll: hard beating his fist, Spiders owe all windows, he sware by good blist.

The spider graunted it trew ferting out freyle: To the file. saying sy pe have saide right well. We neede no longer (for sudge or sudgement) weyte. Dur cheese point in sudgement, your selse both here tell. Oh six (quoth the site, and flat to ground he fell. I beseche you here how (by pride here now had) I was striken beetill blind, and bedlem mad.

AND THE FLIE.

The flie out of that chaier falme flat before the fpiber, perfeys ving his overlight and daunger therin, he declareth howe change of place changed his affection. In discousing of which case, he partite toucheth the commoditie of adverticie, and the discommoditie of prosperitie. Befeeching the spider to relinquithe all aduauntage therin to be taken against him. 10bich the fpiter graunteth. Cap. 8 50



The

The spider leaning to his chepze, saide: said on.
Syz (saide the sie) by beynglozious pride,
It sealing: slie and sodenlie: me book,
I was so pust by here: so blindite my selfe to give,
That Ineither saw yours, not yet mine owne side.
I conce but set, in place of your auctorite:
Tooke my selfe streight, in case of your prosperite.

Which place and cale: how they mai right indgement blinds.
That le I now, and never till now could le.
Whearin: I being but a shadow affinde:
For this time to lit. yet marke (I before ye,)
Dow from a flies state, to a spiders degre:
I (at moment) abaunst my selfe to profeede.
Not with flies, but with spiders: all I decreede.

My which blindnesse (in sum respect) both strecks, To those: in places paste, as debiteese.

They keping countenance: of my like high reche:
Looking ech as high, when he his suter seele,
As his head master, of fer higher degreese.
Which stock (as I am now) where ever it stocks.
All made (in reason,) reasons mocking stocks.

De moze: how bealflie blindnelle, did my bent bende: Life, and liberte of me, and of all flies. Dere lying and bleding, except I it defende, All that not withfranding: pride blearde both mine iyes, Agaynst them and my selfe, sentence to deuise. I was a spider I. I tooke flies as flease. Dride goth before, shame cumth after: me to seale.

AND THE PLIE

But prive had here, a lotell flie a lurer.
Which, the countenance of prosperite was.
The prive and blindnesse thereby, that here did pas.
Which prive to present, prosperite is a glas.
As both (on the other parte advertite,
frust procure: and then present, humilite.

Prosperite (we se) made me sorget clere:
My selse, my matter, al sies, and also you.
Which in adversite, I beeld in minde here.
To you, as deutie required: I could there bow:
Reasons sor me: and all sies: I could a bow:
Our parsight sight: from blindnesse: Canath not (I se)
In prosperite, but in adversite.

Which showth in this one change: of our two places, My place of advertite: gave you such light,
That: in our reasoning of both our cases,
Pour saying showe you, to se the verie right.
Pour place of prosperite, blinded me quight.
As I perceive) it both blinde all (in like case.
Save such as therin, have especial grace,

In lack wherof: I (thus gracelelle a minion, Thus loudle and lewdie to lie,)humblie praie: Neither my indgement, not yet mine opinion. Anie woord to be indgde, that I here did laie. But (as all lies thould) let these banch awaie. Thou art (quoth the spider) a monster now wore. In myne iye a sie, and in mine eare a fore.

ZL.

Like

Like a fore: wililie thou dolle here decile,
for helping of thy part: and hurting of mine,
A o take my life trew tales, and thy trew tales life.
And furder flaundring me: and my state: in fine,
Thou hase here let forth, this denils dissipline.
Drive hideth knowledge (laise thou) by prosperite,
Dumilite showth knowledge, by adversite.

As though captife caltifs: faw all in miferie, And profperus princes, faw nought. But I fe: Thou art in a wrong bore: for tale presentlie, The flie (seeing rightnought woon berby wold be, But daunger of displeasure, therbpon he:) Past over this argument: and byon that, Said this to the spider, at his soote laide flat.

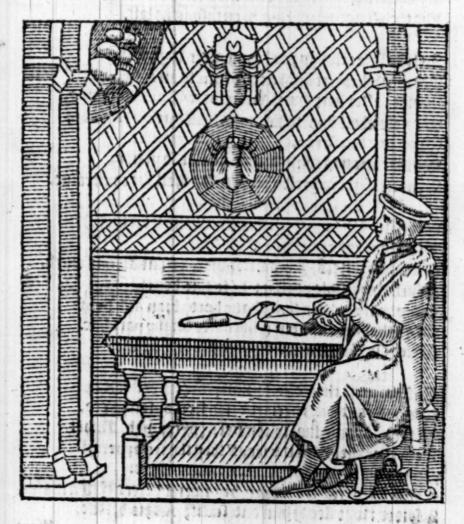
Sir: I belech you: my blindnelle thowde here latt, for give: and none advantage on me take. In anie woord of mine, against me theare past. flie (quoth he) I forgive thee: for pitties sake. To chaunge places againe, a sonder they brake. Where with the spider: in forme formall and colde, These woordes solowing, to the sie forthwith tolde.



AND THE FLIE.

The spider byon a glaunce genen at his desert of thanks to be had at the flies hand, alegeth custom to be hys warrant to distroy the flie. Which the flie can not denie. Mober byon he desireth that the case mate be reasoned in conscience. Which the spider now graunteth.

Lap. 86.



Litt

flie

A fie: if thou canst ble the reason that thon haste,

A hou canst (and wilt) thanks me in manie respects.

A ener was there sie: in copweb thus plate,

A hat had the like fauour: in the like effects:

A hat thou hast had: but nesessite directs,

A his to be trew: in the date most long here past,

Pet they (enermose) ring to enensong at last.

As who fair: things most long after beginning:
Pet must they (at last) nedle cum to an ende,
which (after long time) wrought to have in winning,
we now shall win which ende shall brieflie depende,
Thom one briefe reason that I shall erfende.
Which reason to consute thee, shalbe so plaine,
That strength to yeeld thee, reason shall the constraine.

which lurkth (and I all this time have let it lurk:)
In cultom: one principle of the four,
On which pillers, I promifee thould kand all this wurk.
Which in binfible reason: I (to this hour)
Dane kept: to here (as I have herd) bran and hour:
Of all that thou could (this date) for the part late.
Which (for full conclusion, here me to thee saie.

Lustom: one cheefe post principall (as erst saive)
Declarth: and hath vectore this six thousand pere,
All sies (or anie six) in copinebs (or copineb) staive:
Down ever they cum theare, if they theare appere:
No reason: in reason and saw: along here:
Louis discharge the thence, but streight there cuth a maine,
A spider: who seath him and suchth out his braine.

Dere feelt thou thy life lost: to begin with all:
Ly custome: and for windows claims in entreste:
for sies generall, agreement generall.
(18th they; resceiving it) an end bath expresse.
Thend had I meane, byon rebellion sesse.
What for thy life (by custom) canst thou ought saie:
why thou should by custome live: syr (saide he) naise.

well (quoth the spider) thou seek reason and law: So yeeld to custom here, that in anie triall:
Those tweyne to conquere custom here: we never saw.
I have to this (quoth the stie) no deniall.
What thing (quoth the spider) hast thou in sepciall:
To help thee: by side law, custom, and reason:
Lonscience (quoth the stie) I hope cumth in season.

Trew (quoth the spiver) now at end it hath place.
What hatte then (in conscience) so, thy life to lay:
Against accustomed custom in this case.
Inough (quoth he) if conscience beare and sway,
Pes (quoth the spiver) be bold of that ye may:
That sourth: Shall have full place, as firme as those three.
I thanke you (quoth the sie) this showth charite.



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Ehey both late fundrie tharpe realous inconscience for the spiders life and death. But the spider in conclusion draweth these source principles (reason, law, custom, and conscience, which he at beginning graunted to trie all by) so to combine that he maketh therby an aparence, to show the slie conuints streight by custom he geneth indgement of the flies death to inhich the flie yeldeth. Praying to speak with twelve slies before he die. And it is graunted.

Cap. 87



By conscience I clayme here now (quoth the file)
In this place (till now place of mine inpetionment,)
not to be in petion, but in seyntuarie.
Wheare as charged parties be incient,
Of all such charged crimes: as to them are bent,
Theare both conscience in everie place befonde,
Those charged parties: discharging them at ende.

If (quoth the spider) theare were no difference: Betwene a flie inosent: and arogant, Then must I discharge thee (evin of conscience.) But if innosensie on your part here want, Then is this clause (for your discharge) no warants But go to: make profe approbatise appere: How ye prove your selfe, an inosent now here.

Dir: prof: that I inosentlie hither cam, Appearth in my knowne cuming, against my will. And sins I came, that I an inosent am, I hope your conscience: and I know your skill, will indge: my fact here not ill: 02 not so ill: whereby ye (with conscience) can rightfullie: Either kill me, 02 kepe ine here thus to lie.

What have I done: in conscience frayte of large; Ao make reason, law, of custom, bight of bark.
I lete and leive (quoth the spider) to thy charge,
Brech of my bouse: not made with a thousand mark.
Po (quoth be) but one quarter of one hours wark,
without one penic cost: of one pins worth paine,
Reaedisithe your house, in prime sate againe,

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which your felse maje do: and must naturalise.
That woozke, is your talent: given so; exercise.
In lack wheres, (by idilenesse) ye streight die.
But put case custom, my fact a wrong here trise:
Pet how can conscience: death or payne deutse.
To me, sor that I to you: occasion give,
To woozke the woork: lacking which, ye can not line.

Though (quoth the spider) by nature woozk we must. Pet ist neither conscience, not our auaste: To woozk in copwebs: have we suft or no lust, At wagging (in copwebs) of everie sties taste, So both it (quoth the sie) conscience likewise qualle. To hang a sie: by the neth or by the neb, sor wagging his tayle, in a spiders copweb.

This case is (in conscience) very much like, As a fesh breaking a fishers set net: It set to take the fishe, and the fisher did pike, A quarest to him: and wold conscience set, To kill the poore fishe. This were fer and soule set, And no souler set: then conscience set to be: To kill me. sor breech of this net: set sor me,

But did I (malicioulie, do you much wrong: And sum harmeras harme (or wrong) here ye have none. Pet thall your revengment, thow malice more strong: If ye both deterne: and kill me therbrone: Lum that wrong here in bre: conscience is gone: As fer from you; as from him: that had now sworns The death of an involent, but last might borne.

AND THE PLIE.

Pou not offended (as ye will not I hope)
This last principle of these fourse :conscience:
(It gening me (a bone thother three) sull scope)
Df advantage: as custom grueth allistence.
To your part, in present charge of mine offence:
I must make my spoote anker: to make my waie,
As you make (and I graunt) custom yours (no naie.)

Spare not (quoth the friver) that anker shoote ought: The best thou canst therwith to take ankerhold. I thanke you (quoth be) and wold crane (if I mought,) Pour answere in conscience: full to bushed, To one question of me: in sew woodes told. The question (quoth the spider) propone thou, And mine answere to it, thou shall have evin now.

This is then fir: I put cale quoth the file:
My young mailler spider your son: went a Arale:
Wandzing here and theare (at adventure meane I,)
Wherwith: Ailie: one laide a thing in the wate:
Wherat the babe sell, and it thus brought to bay,
Thother: sor falling theare, kild it out of hand.
Thinke ye: conscience wold warrant this deede to Aand.

Paie (quoth he) confrience is the voer of right.
Mittigating ferce force of extremitees,
That geneth or taketh right: by rigorus might.
Lonfcience (quoth the fite) my indgement to verrees.
And my cale: with this cale: in all points a grees.
No difference between them: to be lost or woon,
Sauing: that I am not your matterthips foon,

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For in like case put: I wander to about e here?
Inosentlie, as that inosent there did.
And by these copwebs: cast in my wate thus nere,
In this babe erampling, I am eramplid.
Inosentlie as he was, I am malkto.
Think if I weare your childe: what ye could think than:
Conscience, or no conscience this to scan.

In faith flie (quoth the spiver) to tell the trouth,

No conscience (or hard conscience) I take this.

Nay no conscience (quoth the flie) trouth so though.

So that conciens, on my side clerke is:

As custom is of yours: and ye know I wis:

I hat custom a lone: both oft, and mate ever:

Cle indyment of abuse: and conscience never.

Well saide sie (saide he) had I no more to said:

A o this that thou now seith then I have pet saide,

Then hads thou here woon the victorie this date.

But reason, saw, custom, and conscience, ers lesses.

Dow I graunted thee hering: in those sour weide,

A hou shalt here in sew woords, and we there brone,

Shall the more cleris, conclude this case anche.

The woords of my graunt tadindge thee: thus they draw.
As francth with reason, law, cultom, and conscience.
Out with reason, tultom, conscience, or law:
This, and, and this or, file: make much difference.
That and, implify all foure plasse: in allifence.
That or, importh one: or anie one of all.
And here is the gap file: wherein lith the gall,

And a points for flies learning: at spiders hand.

Though ye: flies learning above spiders compare:
But here learne of me flie: this consunctive and,
Consoynth: these four laive terms: soyntlie to prepare,
Triall in this case: as they all mate declare:
The tone with the tother: all in properte,
Lenit best in knot, of consoyned butte.

Pell (quoth the flie) then concience thalbe one, Pe (quoth the spiver) and cultom a nother. Sy; then will those two, fall at a frate a none. Pf they do: reason thall stikill them brother: Ao make them a gree. Where ech impoungth other: But bring conscience: thy champion armb completes. Dow conscience chalength custom: let be weete.

Sir: I cuming (as I cam) buwillinglie, And none ofensife harme: in me both appere, Lonscience chargeth custom, with tirrance. In hilling (oz keping) me: inosent here. Which case, reason recordith soz case clere. A his charge (quoth the spiver) to discharge plaine, Dere what custom saith, to concience againe.

Autom faith: all windows are spiders of right.

A hen conscience must saie: that sies have done wrong,

A hrough windows (without leave) to take they stight,

A o make conscience graunt this, reason is strong.

All spiders (quoth he) time present, and past long.

Do prove windows theirs: as they never did peet,

Conscience and reason, denith this ever wheet.

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But

But admit we: that all windows were your owne:
flies (without your leave) palling offentifie.
Though cultom a lege: for thostence: death here growne,
yet conscience (in this case) sethe death tirrannie.
Reason graunting it, to show tiranniculite.
It weare to much here: to fine by the purs.
But to fine by the polle, what seend could polle wors?

Abou thinkli (quoth the spider) conscience thinkth it Arange: Abat flies: by custom, thouso die for this offence. But conscience: with reason raunging in raunge, In cause of customs plage: as conscience: Maie have with reason berein: full conserence, Reasonablie reasoning: this present case, Lonscience (by reason) shall give custom plate.

I fay (as I erft faide) when a flie of flies:
In this: of anie window: in copwebs light,
Anie spider: that within that window lies,
Shall kill him, and suck out his (of their) beaine quight,
which: begoon by nature, custom followth right.
Dature conseiving: but for this her tharp law,
flies wold have mard all: for lack of ofderlie aw.

And as nature in spiders: wrought this defence, so reason in man: was driven to woork the same. Laims generation making residence: Against all men: that quiet order wold frame, (as you against be do) then those men to tame: And desende the quiet: in their quiet cause, Meason to thonquiet, gave our like sharp lause.

But reason to them wrought not this: to thentent: To catch them: and kill them: tiraniously, But to save them: by terror in their tyes bent: To provoke them to see thorcacion: wherby: They might see they ill, selt therby formerly. Which: as reason in man did (and doth) consither, So did nature in bs, both concur togither.

Pature in bs, reason (I saie) so a lowde,
That this law of nature in bs, laide on flies,
Reason: to man: for order in man, bath bowde.
Sor breaking a wall bi night: man as sone dise,
As flies for copwebs brech by daie, which erersise:
Conscience (by reason) not kicking at: for man
Conscience (by reason) kickth not at. for flies than:

Reason in man: woozkth man to woozke (quoth the flie) Sharpe lawes: moze to saue the good: then to sea thill, nature in spiders, woozkth sharpe lawes: cruelite: Not to saue the good, but good and ill to kill, Onlie killing all: on all, to seede their fill.

Thou liest (quoth he) we woozke copwebs everse wheare, To save sites by seare, copwebs to soz beare.

Thus: reason hath concience and custom agrede.
Wherto: law not repungnant, all the world knowes.
Wherbyon (without more parting) to prosede,
Loncordance of these principles: here so showes,
That here, here thine end site: for here thine ende growes.
By custom (it eids with these other said three,)
Thy present death, I presentlie here becree.

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The

The flie farde as though he wold have spoken more. But: his hart wunderlie faynted and sayled. Dis sudgment of death: altonive him so sore, (In that he saw his speech: right nought prenayled: To be (from death) delivered or bayled.)

That downs he sank upon his knees and hands.
Requesting the spider, in case as next kands.

Bood mailier letter: lins the rale flands thus, That die I mult, follie were it for me here: To pleade this case furder: it pak by discus: All pleading: or reasoning, I geue over clere. Submitting and committing: my life most dere, Into your hands besething you ere I di, To graunt me: one petition: mo crave not I:

That is that I (before you) my minde male fale;
To twelve files. which speech I promise faithfullie:
Exther with you, or not against you shall wate.
I graunt (quoth the spider) and by and bie,
I know not whether by chaunce, or purposse.
A vosen sies: aboute the ropwebs side place weare,
To whom: this following, the sie said then and theare.



Theflie (to twelve grave flies for all flies) greath his admice for a voiding their parels by their strife had in windowes against spiders, the great grannes of which tale standeth most byon consideration of these three things, wherfore they strive, with whom they strive, and how they strive Lap. 88.



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Colins

Offins and contrietties: ech one of you all,
I nother my felfe: as ech of all flies are.
I have (at fute) obtaind, you hither to call,
Minding: my conficience to you to declare,
In fuch a time: and fuch a thing, to prepare,
As the time, most meete to make you credit me,
And the thing, most meete to you: told to be.

First: as touchinge time, no time in my time past.

When I was more prosperous (and so more featle:)

Then I this time am: yet all times first and last:

Pour trust in my trewth, bid not anie time faile.

But what time should credence: set by so his laste?

As this time: when l. time shall no more time hold.

But till time this my tale (to be tolo) be tolo.

In all forts of feckts: of civile diffipline:
Df all times in life: of ante fite I trow,
In time of his knowne beath: cumming freight like mine,
Lredence of his woord (he feende nor foole in thow)
To credit his matter: must that time most grow,
what banite weare this: in ought to denile:
Lieing now a dieing, to lie and denife life,

Df all times: for credit (I fate none like this.
And feconolie: touching the thing, here to tell:
Bering therof, no dout malt meete for you is.
Which thing, is the firste of fueius force fell:
Betwene spiders and fites. wheren to exeptil:
And kill all occasions in time to cum,
Of my last will (in my last woords) here the sum.

uphat

Mhat wate is herein belt: for spiders to take: That can them selves tell: much better then can I, I am a fire: no spider nor spiders make: To controle the spiders part, but hartily, I pray the great God: their harts to molify: As temperance mate temper their tleime: tourhing this, To gene right, and take right, as most rightfull is.

But: in right of either part: to vetermin ought:
what thei for their part: or you for yours hould have,
shift that among you: for it forfith me nought.
Me femth, I here the match vigging my grave.
The crowne of the whole world: who it me now gave.
It is good will stud I thanke: but for ought to win,
I take not the gift, worth the point of a pin.

And wheare you (and all flies) are as fure to bie, and as am I now wour times to you but nowne fire.

Advantage of you: in my knowne beath have I, In having force time afternars: to procure;

Angewenelle of former life, lev in lew be lure.

To beare you mate (without rembrs) forenite go:

And where the tree faith, theare life it : clarks lay lo.

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Pour imaginations : A poste : to draw you now,

Into my person : as in my rate to be.

To woork affection : to win effect in yes:

To consceive and reseive things : that I shall move,

which: to your behole, behoving lie behove.

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Three

The principles whereon my tale to contriue: And to profeed boon, are thefe to prepote. Wherfore we friue: with whom we firine: how for firing, wherfore we firine: ye know the cause therefoole, for hooles in windows, which quarels to disclose: Our cumming to them: and going from them sought, Shall show our winning finall; or rather rightnought.

First for our cumming to them; who can discribe:

Downance sice have prease: possession to win,

That never could get possision a live;

Und maimp and kild downe right; at their entre in.

And such as do cum in (where spiders do spin)

Most wise sig; devicing to sit there most fast; included and

Mate thinks his first bour (except bour), there; his last, in

Hew flies (I thinke) have feart longer here then I, do and and My which time being spents between hope and feart; we pet at last (for all my shifts) to inhere Alic. To an impact the normalism to my redemption, make reare, and the Loun with damager, bide in th feare, depart with beth. To haltie a forney to take with one breth.

In this falve first principle; what westrine fore,

Lommodite therin; prose both thus witnesse:

The more slies have of it; sies daunger the more.

The less slies have of it; slies daunger the less.

Then is nowhit best; for who both aught possesse:

Ech peniworth of pleasure t of such possess ware,

Bringth more then counterpaise; of daunger and care.

Beggers

AND THE FLAT. INT

Rich flies before trem dies bere, po meepelwe lee him and and the richest winning flie; he windplus to material and and all after the best thing woon theare is but flies there a made and the best thing woon theare is but flies there a made and the best the winning two on theare is but flies there a made and the bat is the winning; woon and kept with such frise, and That bourse winth beth; or despite feare of life.

It is a winning: better lost then invoire and it and accorded And lost these inindoires are; inherefore we string continue and discussive the part we strike noire secondition rooms and a secondition of the part we strike the part we strike and and a secondition of the part of the second of the strike of the part of the second of the strike of the part of the second of the strike of the second of

To their much paux cour pour aftimes thoughtmost lot on the nomber: manie finall making a greate. It as depost and their pour instance) and a supplied and their pour instance) and a supplied and their pour feiges to bestoom got to bat most times erst, brought be our seizes to bestoom got to bat winning is in this math mache to gester and and some special mache to gester and and some special and their force with whome we strive (I thinke it besto). To leave of strife; and live by loss in rest.

Mow: thirdle: how or in what maner we frine?

To tell plaine trouth: in my work time to lie, and and spice of rebellion our firife shouth to contriue all spices are plaste a bone superiorlie.

And sites beneth them plaste interiorlie, and the suite spen male it seme, as they abone by have plase, and they abone by have plase, and they abone by have plase, and they abone by like rule in like case.

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Po law alowth flies : to win their right by fight,
Betwene private flies and law mibbitth quight;
Anie flies to fight: against their hygh beaves,
But rather luster, as obedience leaves.

wherefore we Arive: pe fo triffis the are.
with whom we Arive: their pollific palleth our pout.
Zow we Arive: both fedicion beclare.
Three parts without melodie, in the part of our.
Our part bath a face here: no crab more four.
To move flies (hens forward) to turne their faces,
from Arife with spiders, in quareling cales.

As though ye flood in my flate: at this prefent,

Pour owne content mult give confirmation:

My woords berin pall, to have a trew extent.

And furber the thoote anker respectment:

what ye loft at spiders bands: late before this,

A full ratification, of my tale; that is.

And if that anie flie: will bemaunde of me: what meane flies male ble beff: their right to obtayne, Myne answere is a not in harnes capa pe: Beleeging (fled of beleething) to confirmine: Not flur: with enerieffic: flurd by bedlem braine, Sturbille flanding: with bills in foull fighting, But humblic sewing, with bills of faire wrighting.

Aby ought (in anie law) that ever I wist:
Abus may flies sew, sor right and not onlie maie,
But sew so: flies must: forbiddin to resist:
Abeir higher powers: by biolence (anie wate)
which wate not helping flies: their wate is to praies
Anto the great god. Ao woorke spiders consent,
Ao gene and take right: in right rated extent.

But furber (in this case) wheare anie dies go: De long time: of late time: and this time is seene: Pea: sene, hard and felt: in our present wrought wo: A hat we are wrong doers, and ever have bene. Our woorks her in witneding so: that I wene: No die so foolish: but he both bubersand. Our harme: for wrong woorking: we have at gods hand.

This to be trein I thinke and have thought which (malter spider) mate suspicionciere,
In your suspecting me, for late tumult wrought.
But on my beth I take (which I thail take here)
I never a bowde (nor a lowde) to draw nere:
Ante nombre: by lawles bsurped powrs,
But as pealablic stode, with gods peace and yours.

But for fine: friends: in your beholding my beth: As thimage of your owne beths: pleinly to purport, In that: one howes quarter: ye are fure bueth: As frape the fame: to get ought by your extort, Or get or kepe ought: in anie wrongfull fort, That fight: with thinking of my woords in the refle, Maie: beniforth of Arife pere: bring your five furfelle.

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Behalas

Wehold your deths in me, by uncerteine life.
Wehold your dread in me: your lines a count: to make.
Wehold wherefore ye firiue: and that bethenoth your firste.
Wehold with whom and how ye firiue: (as I spake.)
Wehold the loosing gaine, that winth lose to take.
Weholding these winnings: with the seberdees,
Showth holes in windows (to behold) vanitees.

The flies (buto thele woods) he wood coald freaks at the But yeelded teares: like drops in Aprill Chowes, dans dried so saving in autrie: as they thence his breaks, and many at They cride farewell: (of flies) the flour of flowes, and many at But well: the last hour bath no following howes at a round The hour is cum: whereathe flie must died quit and many and flor which; he weltth, at spicers footeprostratile languages and





THE SPIDER CHA,

I De spider toward the flie, surjouslie drainle.

And being Kept to the flie: Caping in Cap.

As he wold have perk the flies hed: with his painle,

The maide of the house, to the window did chop.

Setting her brome, hard to the copies top.

where: at one Kroke with her brome: Ariken rounds,

The copiesed and spider, the Krake to the grounds.



The maide being at poinct to treade the spider to death: the spider praieth her to here him speake ere he die: and then to add tudge him instille, the maide graunting to ble him (as he dyo ble the slie) as maie best stand with reason, law, custum, and conscience. She at his request (for the time) withdrawing by soote, they fall to reasoning of the case.

Cap. 90.



Do

The

De maide (by mine ablence) to be the moze bold, To woozke her will, as the cam in, I went out.
And lookte in at the window: her to behold.
She swept downe the copweb: the fite flew about
The parter round. Acuer moze lustie noz stout.
The spider on the grounde: buder the maides scote,
To treade him to death, and was aboute to doote.

But the spider (on knees (list by his hands hie. Beserhing her (of milde maidenlic pittie, To be content to here him speake ere he die: And to declare. Hirst what he had doone, and then whie; De did those deedes: and so to sudge him suffic. And that the wold (in meane time) her soote withdraw, Sight wheres: made his hed ake, and his Komock gnain.

To banify (quoth the maide) all pershall pretence,
Ile heare and judge thee, as thou diost the flie heere.
As standth with reason, law, custom, and conscience,
So that thou have good, bad, hie low, fer or neere.
And since: feare of my soote: abateth thy cheere,
Least thou mightst take harme: of thine owne conseight,
That I withdraw: and so withdrew it streight.



TIn reasoning of both sides, the maide driveth the spider to graunt him selfe convinst (by custom expect with the other principles criff saide) as he convinst and adjudged the flie before. Wherepon the (by custom) decreth the spider to die. De then desiring to speake with his some and his counsell. Which the mayde graunteth.

Lap. 91.



Dott

feire

Leaning the brim: to the botum to wade,
what deedes I have bone here: you have fene and fe.
which are: the copwebs in windows here made.
Of all spiders, the natural trafe to trade.
which to be impungue, we never herde nor saw,
In reason, custom, conscience, nor law.

Spider (quoth the maide) know pe that I hard: All: this daie betwene you and the flie here laide. Wherin I law: the cause wherfore ye sard: Was not for that ye: copwebs here wrought and laide, But for the place ye wrought them in: as thus wate: You: to beelve in top and top side: the flie heelve, You heelve the whole yours: in all places to beelve.

The flie heelde: that all flies hold all holes in freeholde. Pou (foz all spiders) heelde that frehold all yours. In reason, law, and custom, ech to other told, Pour minds in this matter: (at leaste) flue long hours. At end wherof, it past both your witts and pours: To take end your selves, but we are driving to beuise, Arbiters: to take an end by comprimise.

Which matter: as both fibes writhed it and wounds it,
Pour arbiters theare: the ant and butterfie,
We are driven to leave it, at large as they founds it.
Wherepon ye finalli: burdenulie:
Burdend the file, with cultom: thereby to die.
Which he could not benie: and for his defence,
De gat the cale to be realoud, in conscience.

poherin

Wherein (by nature in you: and reason in man,)
pefet a disconseive a sonabli sounding,
with reason: and conscience: that custom to scan.
whearbyon appeared: infallible grounding,
To bying the sie instile, to his consounding.
And: had not bene your blurping: in this plase,
Conscience: with custom: had kand in this case.

Aukom graunteth: and conscience not benithe: Disturbing your copwebs: wrought in top poste, The site (for thosence) accustomable bithe. But copwebs byon copwebs: pirlo in ech coste: All parts of windows to be so enboste:

That no site can paste: without beths entrupsion.

Lonscience construth that custom: corrupsion.

In taking the flies part here: I take myne owne.
I: being maybe of the house, my charge it is:
Ao se copwebs corrected. Thus over growne,
And so will I do (spider) be sure of this,
well (quoth the spider) of I have done a mis,
Kedrelle mine ill doing: and let me go free.
Date nate spider (quoth the maide) that mate not be.

Swept I these superstans copwebs now hence: Letting thee passe: in this window to remaine, Lustom: hath so corrupted thi conscience: That wheare is now one copweb, there thous be twaine. Well (quoth he) sins ye like not (as apperth pleine) What I have done, yet here why: I have done it. Which shall (I hope) appease your Ire eners whit.

Ahe

The whi (or wherfore) I did that I have done, was: that flies (beyond nombre) did here relori:
Which wrought pour master and matthres in speech short:
To reduke you sore, to your deepe distormfort.
Which to redres: I, in pitteing of you,
Let nets to ratche slies: as I do now.

Dere is (quoth the maine) one treinth told, and one lie.

That flies have my meate here outrageouslie blowne,

That is trulie saide: and it so; trew graunt 3.

But that thou diost set nets here: all overgrowne:

Dught so; my pleasure: and not all so; thine owne,

Thats a false tale. To which: pollisse thee drawse,

To win saver at my handes, clere without cause.

But weare it as trew as it is fals: yet thou: And thy familie: do me displeasure more: Then pleasure in this: for your nie approch now, Is: to my master and maistres: an tye fore. About the sies blowing: by degreese a score. They both: lothe less to have (be it slesh or suff, Aen sies in their meate, then one spider in their disp.

And in their dish wolds thou and thine fureli be:
If I (rather to late then in time dew)
Tooke thee not by: as is my charge in dewte:
Executing mine office, did I eschew:
To correct such pride in thee: as never grew:
In spider ers, then my master and maistres:
Of my rebuke, had sust cause of encres.

And haste thou bene never to terustables
In boing thy detotie: in manie things right.
Pet: this thy blurppacion abhominable,
Dath detowned thy thanks of those dew done deedes: quight.
Which is to be witnest, in all the worlds fight.
All reasons: in law, custom, and conscience weide,
Against the sie, are now against thy selfe leide.

And as thou madelf cultom the Chootanker cheefe, (Loniopning thereto: reason, law, and conscience,)
Of the flies death (by right) to make perfight preefe, from first age of the world: had in consequence,
So bring I custom: fet like fer time from hence.
Lustom: is the warrant: to sucke the flies braine,
whereto: marke how custom warrantth me agains.

From the beginning: it is that cultomo gies.
When spiders in windowes their copwebs so make:
That they to fer offende: their beholders ives,
The maide of the house with her brome: at a frake,
Swepth nowne those copwebs, and those spiders take.
Under het foote. And so; anie interselle,
Those spiders (with her soote) to deth the doth press.

twhich custom is underpropped (as I faide)
twith reason, with law, and with conscience: for me,
As stronglie in my case, as sor thee in thine laide.
Now speake spider canst thou dent this (quoth sheet)
Nay sor soth: I can not denie it (quoth he)
But am driven to graunt it: and evin so I do.
Pour mercifull hands, I commit me into.

Then

Thou thalt have (quoth the) mercie evin as much: At my hands, as the flie thould have had at thine. Last of all veine hope: sins thy fortune is such, Thy selfe framing fortune: to thy this ruine, Make pacience thy salve, for this sore in sine. And make thee redie spider: for sinallie,

The change of his there at these woods made me se, Zow the dread of beth, could lambs of lions make.
This lionlike spider: erst feerce as could be, feare, did all his furie: full fer then allake.
Dis hart: in a pursuet was easie to take.
Change (by chance) brought him) at twinke of an iye,) from twig top of the tree, at the rote to lie.

Thefe two things are meete things (as me thinkth) to note,
The spider right now so hie: easin now so low.
The sie right now at eb, easin now a slote.
The tromp of his same, never so hie bid blow.
Thothers tromp of shame, as hie in sounde doth sois.
Which blasts of which tromps (in mine eare) blew this blass:
Fickill sozume, will never leave her old cast.

But to the matter: the spider praide the maide, Zo speake with his son and hepre: before he dide: And with his counsell. She was content (the saide) Chaunce being messenger, thaunce thither streight hide: Dis son: and twelve councellers, hard by his side. Wherebpon: he theare and then discours his minde, In matter such, as ye next this maie finde.

Abe

The spider to his sonne and twelve spiders giveth his best abutic for most quiet and best governance. His tale standings most boon these three terms, first a decleration of him selfe, second an exportacion to them, the third a submission for him self, whereant he desireth licete to take his child in his armes: now at their departing, which the maide graunteth. Cap. 92.



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My

MP dere childe, my nere freendes, and councelloss lates My short time: not a lowing long talke with you, when I wolo most long: and most deeplie debate:
(Mine estate past and present) with you all now:
My talke most short: and therby most sleight talow:
I must: and (sins I must) will deuse to tell.
Charging my child: and praing you, to wate it well.

This thost tale :thostned by thost time(as I lep,)
for a ground: of ferme framed foundation:
Choon these three principles, I will here lep.
The first: of my self, a declaration.
The second: to you, an exhostation.
The third, so my selfe: a submission:
for remission, of my ill condition.

Afrile: I beclare and confesse my former life,
Abeefe: in time and place of mine auctorite:
Ao wring to the worfe (by right or wrong in strift)
All flies or spiders: that wold stand against me:
Their distruction, was my felicite.
My displeasure: (as I bide it in quarell,)
was: as sudgment of death. or dethicke parell,

Mine ambicius belire, here to beclare:
In winning in windows, no one lo nie all.
(which I might have kept: quietlie to my hare.)
when my winning was most, I thought it to small.
The shooting at all: was my marke principall,
And now: shooting at all, I have lost all quight.
The meane: is the merie part: being soong right,

And of the tips extreme parts: (as I take if)
The bale: is better then the treble: to ling.
Treble prosperite, reason both make it:
would then bale adversite, it approxing:
In the sies bale: and my treble state: erst moving.
Prosperite, (as that sie saids) makeh be blinds.
Adversite, (I seele) giveth light by kinds.

Metreint of libertie, had bene my hell paint.
Now I have nought, I weare content with lot:
To lit and beg: fall locked in a chaine.
I never to obtaine: more estate or gaine:
But onlie life and living: such as wold,
Mainteine a beggers life, baselie to hold.

And I confesse me to leefe all, worthili.

Auerie wight is worthie to have: as he doose.

Lands, life, and goods, of manie flies: had have I.

And now must I leave life, lands, and goods, semblablic.

This long learns leasan, I late had forgottum.

Our mesure mette to other, shal to be be mottum.

But in this measure, here me measure right.

Zow wrong indgers, wrong indgements: in this tert late.

Sum erpounds it so largelie, that in their sight:

Wheare aucthorised indges: ponishment wate:

Mesuring barme: to harme doers: thill to stay:

If anie ill: cum to those sudges: eft sone,

That sudge thill to be done, sor thill to them done.

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Lent: those sudgements grow of this condition: Malice arogant, or ingnorance insolent.
Mothers: of erronius exposition.
This text hath a limit: how fer it hath bent: Such harms as chance sudges: or such as allent: To procure ponshment: to such as are nought,
Those harms: buto them: so, that, are not torought.

Judgements of the great god, are ferret (we know:)

A tudge viing tustice: of tust trew dealing:

The god mate ponts, for other things that grow.

Which he knowth, and we know not: (by revealing)

And oftimes the good: (their gloste ensealing:

De pontsht sum here, as standeth with his will.

Whose mesures he knowth, (of mans mesurs) least ill.

But: for such false mesurers: as I have bene: Ahis mesure is made, and dewlie put in dre. At hands of the great god, oft directlie sene. Right mesure motun, for wrong motun mesure. And (oftimes) he both his instruments procure As now this maide: right mesurer to me is, As I to other, have mesurde wrong ere this.

This declaration: one part of these thre,
what I have partice bene, hath made you here.
Whereby: what case I am in, here you se.
Which sight and hereing, mate be mirror clere:
To looke in: all times of the date and the yere.
For spiders hie: and spiders underneth.
To kepe with life, that I have lost with deth:

And so to bo, I shall you all erhort.

And first my sonne, mark mine adulce to thee,
(A hat shall succede me streight in place of such port,
As I first began: in supersorite.)
In sew woords (which smart small time limitsh me,
for the which while (my child to me most dere:)
Aby weeping leave, and ley thine eare to here.

Those things: that thou half hero me here declare, By which: thou seek thy father call awaie, Ao saue thy selfe (my child) se thou prepare: Ao see the same: by temperate kedie say. The contrarie of my demenure ay: Shall ay desend thee so in everte case, As thou both soued and drad, thall kepe thi plate.

Against my lotletee, vie thou simplicitee.
Against my wrong viurping, vie thou right.
Against my prive, vie thou humilitee.
Against my wrath, vie charite: in light.
Against my hate, in love have thou velight.
Against these ills: and other following mee,
Note these nert ills: not to follow, but to siee.

wheare fruth is taken treason: and traitors in trust:
wheare faith is frame fancie: and fancie seind seith;
where losels over lords: ley lawes at their lust:
where witteste: as wifeste: the wittie out weith:
where mercie to the meeke: meare malice dismeith:
where dawcocks: in doctrine: have domination,
There both deutsion, bring desolation.

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Let

Let truth be the bage, in whom thou trust bost take.

Let not firme faith be left: for fikill fancie,

Let rewlo lords: rewle rewlesse losels, when they crake,

Let wife withom, over wey withest follie.

Let malice passe: ble mesurable mercie.

Let thunlearnd: in boctrine: to the learnd: gine plase.

Let passors be plasse, as I place them in case.

In place of a thephera, place not a thepe.
In place of a thepe, place not a thephard.
In no place: place a wolfe, the flocke to kepe:
The theepe of the wolfe, to the thepherbs place prefard:
the faintnesse: of fercencie, the tooks must be mard.
Whace thou the thepherds: furth thepherds to be,
as from the theepe: and wolfe, ble the means becre,

Difenders penifent (for offences pall,
Sauing of whom: offendth not the flanding flats,
Aor encorageth other: to offend the more fall)
Lorrect, as mercie male rigor moderate.
But to this, make this a ground inuiclate.
Cloon flurdie fiff flanders: in biolentie,
Draw the fword of justice, tharpned tharplie.

And marke (my fon) these points that I now cum for In commun order, of thy governing.
Who: honestlie both, as other honest do:
And saith as those honest saie: or saith nothing.
Are him not what he thinkth, for marke this othing:
Whose deede and his thought: repungnantlie barie,
Dis woord and his thought: iar likewise contrarie.

Lous

Loue to be loued, and hate to be hated.
Of those that love good: and hate ill, otherwise,
Daving hate of thill: for justice instite rated,
Date so, be thou glad to have, and by justice,
Lontinew that hate: in insessant sile.
In whom (by their fauts) to thee fautlesse it drawles
To continew: by their continewed cause,

Touching right of wrong: of both must thou choose one, As thus: eyther to bo wrong: of to take wrong, Kather take it then bo it: se thou do none.

The wrong that I have bone (the sies here among)

Of myne til: their iil: hath bene partise a long.

Answere mine fil all (alas) Greight must I do.

And as much of theirs, as mine hath forst them to.

De spiver of fie : sewe to : so ought in grant, fre thou graunt, loke what, where, why thou grauntes it with graunts once past thee (at suters sutes instant,) the spiral them full : without restreint and whit. Werformance of promise, persitelte both knit: Such credence: to all: (they personning the same) as winth them fast freenothip, and perpetuals same.

Thy councell choose, in these condiscions bent.
Hew, wise, secret, expert, temperate, and treis.
Datifice with sufficiencie, and viligent.
All sale of instice: and all offers teschers:
A hat thait to thee, 02 commun welth hindzance dreis.
Their taking wherof: seming winning to bee!
May lease them with all theirs, and all thine with thee.

Dere

Dere have I geven thee son: such exortacion, As weake wit: and thort time will suffer in mee. Which: if thou ble, at thy fathers contemplacion, Behold then (my son) thyne owne prosperitee. Plant, behold thy fathers adversitee. As rightlie and rightfully on thee to light, As on thy father, thou sees it now light right.

Now: to you of his counsell: marke what I devies.
In you, lithe the putting in vie of all this.
Pou are his hands, his feete, his eares, and his iyes: Dering, feeling, of feeing, in him small is:
To walke of to wootke with: you wootking amis:
Pou are the mytroes: that all lookers looke in.
As you wootke, they wootke: but you must first begin,

In which woozke, this walke, I erozte you to take. Walke in amite, woozke in brite.
The answere of suters, expeditelie make.
Serch their subjections: how they mate agree:
Ao be grainted, with honozable honeste.
Offenders against you, when ye will chalenge, hence draw his sword: your quarels to revenge.

Thefe be the great grounds: presentlie brought in minde.
They passing two parts: of my promised thre.
We to declare, you to exort, in such kinde,
As mate thow cause of repentance in me,
For ils past: and for thills to cum: in ye,
Warning to a boide, thirds and lastic now,
To witnesse my submission, I shall pray you.

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AND THE FLIE.

First to the great god, I humblie and wholie: Submitte me: evine so beserving his mercie: Ho; all my great sin: and all offensise follie: Against him committed. Secondaritie: Df all the whole worlde here: I generallie, Are sozgevenesse. Where: and in what: mine offences. To crave sozgevenesse: chargith my conscience,

Ahirolie (and specialise) good mailires maide:
Pour displeasure toward me: to bring appealed,
I prave: your beningnite to be displaide,
To forgive my gist: which bath you displeased.
And not onlie displeased, but diseased.
Aamelie now: in streyning your arms long and small,
To clease your window, of bacamite copwebs all.

Sourthlie and finallie, remission fought:
Aby submission, to all spiders and side:
That I in this window have offended bught:
In taking or gening the hooles in such side:
Dr cretched my copwebs here: in such wide wife:
As streightned ance part: of their lawfull right,
Of them, on knees: I praye sorgenenesse in sight.

Dere end I: fauing fix woozds here to be faide: Unto my child: I: (him in mine arms haning:) Ozonounsed in your hering (good mailtres maide:) Pour lisence wherto, is mine humble craving. Without woozd of anie ill, in depraying. Lontent (quoth the) wherwith in arms he tooke him, Daying these woozdes, while the did over looke him.

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after

Cafter a few wofull woodes of the spider had to his sonne (they bothe classynge eche other in armes verie naturally) he kysseth and blisseth him. Wherewyth that sonne with all the twelve spiders dolesulue departe from the spider.

Lap. 93.



AND THE PLIE.

Depote besired sight, of thee my childe beres Behold the father, how he beholdeth thee.

To the mother, and brother, thou shalt appeare:
After this weeping time: worne out of you three,
No your comforts oftimes: but no time more to me,
Our departings differ, nothing more (buneth)

Pou frome to life, I from you to death.

Now here in light, as I thould never be hence.
Streight hence from light, as I had never bene here
well: farewell: vie to the mother obedience.
As the haother, let haotherlie love appere.
Commend me to them both (my Juels dere)
I blisse thee: kisse thou me: they did so: and so,
Lothlic he losed his arms, and leete him go.



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The

The maybe (appearing as woe to distroye the spider ashe is to be dystroyde) with her soote present hym to death.

Lap. 94.



AND THE FLIE

The water ran downe the cheekes, of them both two;
The maide pitteing both, wept as fast thate.
But for that the must do: more then she wold do,
The spider had bene forgeeven, and gone his wate.
But they gone weeping awate, (without delate:)
The spider laying prostrate: the therboon,
Detting her soote on him, he was soorthwith gon.



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The

The mappe hath before her the twelve spiders and the twelve slies that had bene before in place. And vpon her show that all harms doone by those generations is growne by imploider, she synally devisethfull redress in poynting them to grow to order.

Lap. 95.



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AND THE FLIE

When this erecucion bone, the hath now:
Before her, these tweine spiters with those tweine also
That era weare there: they era mensioned to you.
Unto which nombre, the did theare deutle,
Lertaine precepts geeven: in woords weights and wife,
which to repeate: as rightlie as 3 can,
I will. And in this wise her tale began.

To traine the time and tarie you (quoth the)
In talke of your forefauts, folli it weare.
The fmart: both both and will, still tell it ye.
But what thing brought that smart: eche when and wheare)
That: heare to here, eche one lep to his eare.
Which thing briefite to tell: brief end to forder,
was onlie in you all, this thing: misorder.

As god orderlie created creatures all: So weare they created, to orderlie entent. A o vie them selves, ech creature in his call. Of which created sort: the creator ment, spiders and flies twayne, to order to relent. A he lacke where on your sides: witnesseth weele. To have wrought displeasure on all sides, everibeels.

On all lives I late: meaning thele lives therby.

Pour lives, my live, my matter and matters live,
first for your lives: the limart showth scelingly.
On my live: 'uch rebukes as I a bive,
Of them for you, seeming your fauts to hive.
And en their lives: their most displesaunt light,
To se spiders and stessout of order quight.

Sphere

Spiders spinning in windows welnie, in their facis.
Spightsulte have sponne. And sties innumerablie:
To blow their meate: have made their commun tracis.
Thus: lacke of order on your two sides prove I:
To have brought all sides: to live displesantice.
To my masters and maistres greefe, greats growne.
Whose which greefe: to me, is more then mine owne.

By whole appointment buter them as now:
I (having here the cure,) must have the care.
To asime red; este: for which I sent for you.
To you: and to all yours in you, to declare:
Diver, to ease all spiders and sies that are.
And all other: such as have bene anoide,
By lacke of order, which we ere this distroide.

Abat spiders and fies: are the creatures of god, And all his creatures: in their creation good, I know and aknowledge. De els gods soebod. I hate neither the spiders: not the files brood. I love all: as behoveth mastenlie mood. All his creatures in an order, we must lone: Abat orderlie wie them selves; as both behove.

And fuch as be ill : yet male we not hate: The persons, but the ill in the persons seene. This learnd I of a preacher: that preached late: And of my selse (I thanke god) I have not besne: So much given to hate (anie person I meene Be they spiders: be they sies: what ever they ber) But I can bie all, as kanoth with charite.

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And charitablie such an order to set: To set you in rest: and the sappe rest therby, All sauts in all past: to sorgene and sorget, That will I you all to do. And orderly: Echone to ble him selse ordinarilie: And eche bis other: in eneric kind of cause, As thold knowne well ordered custome, dewli draws.

And that is this: ye spiders in tip of top:

O; in top lives of windows: copwebs shall make
About the rech of my broome: to crush or crop
Anie part therof: not set like an ale stake,
Orouble to brag your selves: and bring fies in brake,
what in place to lie: most hie and most hiddin.
Spiders thus plasse, customs order bath biddin.

Flies in the bodie of the window thall palle. Not by thousands at once: ledictoullie, But thosough hooles of lattes: or broken glaffe: Not blowing bensforth (so sawimalaperties:) Nor malters and matters meate: as yeares lattle: They have done, but palle and repails in nombre and blage such as thall no house accombre.

This auncient order (in lew boordes) here greuens,
Is all that I are: in you to be bled.
In lacke wheref, in all forow you are breenens.
In ble theref, in folace you in clused.
Myforder: bringing you thus confused,
Let order: by your leaving of milorder,
Muietnesse on your lives, and all fibes forder.

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By other (from misother) you to redeeme,
(From sozowes of all sorts to solace so sorted,)
Is cause of my cuming. Not by meanes extreeme,
But by most milde meanes that mate be imported:
In other to set you: and se you comforted
To kepe other. Wherin you obeying mee,
we may live in soue all: eche in his degree.

Ache in his degree (I fate) mark that point well.

Pour lacke of living to, (ye fee) mard you all.

Cheeflie you spiders: vourping to errell:

In governance: out of your place naturall.

Which for few yeares past, brought and kept flies so thrast,

That you (welnie) brought sies: to graunt to agree.

Pou: as head governous generall bee.

In which blurpacion: pe oftended,
Acture, reason, my master, matters, and me.
Bouernours, nature bath commonlie bended:
Duer such kinds to gouerne, as them selves be.
Beast over beasts, soull over fowls, as we se
Man over men. And in seare and aw is than,
I hunreasonable beaste, to reasonable man.

Mature pe offend: in planted platne profe bere, An take rule of other kinds, then your kind is. Reason: pe offend, in that ye here appere. And take boon you, the ble of mine offis. One: pe offend in the same: and but this, My matter and mailtres ye offend. As thus. Ded rule here, is their gift by customs discus.

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May louelie line (I late) ech in dew degree.

The spiders and flies; percepting by her flate: That the (in this matter) had saide what the wold, All retoyling, one spider allinds to saie: In such maner: as good maner: might him bold, This effect in these woods, to this maide he told. At beginning of whose talks the set her sye, And laybe her ears toward him diligentics.



Mr H

ME

The twelve spiders and twelve slies having herde they order set by the mayde, they thankefullie receive it. And byon her commaundement to them, to put thys order in bre amonge all spiders and slies, they softully departe that commaundement to fulfill.

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Mour mile and motherite precepts: genen be thus,
In order old: revived now: at hand of yours,
Lack wherof (as ye laide) the lorowes in bs:
Dane witnest that, of them, the range in discus.
Pour woords wherin told: to our deedes therin felt,
Do instruct us, with a boble witnesse belt.

And double of treble (yea quatreble) cause:
which manie causes mo: then I can now tell:
Dane we; to keps ofter as your will be drawle,
Spiders and flies have lived, like as in hell.
Sins new milosor: did thold ofter expell,
Thus: our bound dutie obairing your precept,
Is your pleasure, but our profits, to se kept.

Mobich: I promife for bs, and all spivers els: A o be observed. As ferfoorth as we maie, And I (quoth one file) for all slies as he tels: Promise: for order to walke the same wase. Resoysing all, that ever we saw this base. Praying the great god: for you now and ever, In prosperus prosperite, to persever.

well freends (quoth the maide) to enter other now: Depart. And plant this in all spiders and fliese. In top of windows, spiders exercise you. And dies the hoolestmoderateli exercise. In most iopfull top, that both sotts can beutle. From thence most topfullie: they all stang and seto, while the maybe blue her will there, as both ensets.

The spiders and flies bronge now absent, The mappe sweeppth the wondow cleane in enerte place. As far as her brome and arms woll arenth, which doone the departeth. de in interest all of of them, the cente m belens.



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The maine swept that window, cleane in all places.
In all corners: that her broome might light boom.
Ch copweb (with her broome) the full befaces:
No wem seene: in casemunds, nor casemund cases.
Monday her cleare clensing wheres: out went the,
and in cam 3, her woorkmanthip there to se.



The major being gone, the auctor cumeth in. And boon bys beholding the wendow fague and cleane fluent wethouts anic combetus copies of creeding flockes of flies be bepareteth.



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Befolding the window: feeing enerie roome:

Cleane and emptie, faue three flies amid that plat:

One in the top (without verbe of the maids broome)

Corners of copies bunneth fene, and to that:

Oll thinges in quiet cafe: fo that 3 could not

Of anic matter: be ante furber winner,

I went from the window, to the boorde to binner.

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listion of the Auctor touching one peece of the latter part of this parable.

Daue, (good readers) this parable bere pende: (After olde beginning) newly brought to enbe. The thing, peres mo then twentie fince it begoon. To the thing: veres mo then ninetene, nothing boon. The frewte was grene : 3 ourft not gather it than, for feare of rotting : before riping began. The lotte, (it on the frewterers bande lving:) 2)ad (in that miffery) mard his occupying. This worke (among my poore workes) thus bath it pall: 18 egon with the first, and ended with the last. At ende wberof (as at beginning) 3 prap. All readers that reade it (in al that we may.) Ech one reader : to fcan this parable fo, As our most framing : Diligently may go: (In freeth of fpibers and flies fautes : bere thowne:) To confiderate weying, of fautes of our owne. And them (by grace) tamend, for concord growing, As fpiders and flies : grow to, bere in folding. But, fauts and fauters : erff repented, and paff, which fauts (3 hope) none; on him felf can now caft: figured bere in the futbers cruelte: Touching beedes and beathes of thole: that lo past be: Let be rather (when memorie them to mino calls,) Lament their falle factest then relopre their foule falls, And prate for them, as we have they pray for be. That they and we : by gobbes mercifull bifcus, May (after Wrife together in life carnall,) Line and love together : in life eternall.

And

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And for the chief (pider and flie :bnderffand: Spider that bibe:and flie that frapte, at maples band, As in that figure : both: moft charitablie: Thone in Deede dieing: thather redie to die. Do Chould me : not onlie die, but alfoline, and he manage As gods prefentes, (paine of envelette beth) bo gine. Be fe alfo: that this fygure here implies, for Artfe in windowes : betweene fvibers and flies. The plat of all the world, and people therin. In which world : which people : if all now begin: And benfforth : endeuer them bearing they; lines: 18p councell of those two: to cut of all arines: By cuting of:all cause of strife: in all parties: As they both: (erbe in bis laft tale) Did Denile, ad The first tale : in chapter four seoze and eight beret : The ferond sin foure froze and twelue: both a peret yarte the Thannice in both turnd to sit to bere and hold: ide most add Aurning their persons to oures (in those tales tolb,) Then thall we firtt le, and after feele: what frewten Dur right boing (againft wong) Wall erecute. pobich: fince pe mate turne: and behold as a glaffe, in the Tenius Iteration therof I let palle alle and and batt dia 215 7 (for tedioulnelle and other caules,) will ain amorting de Dmit (to remit) the nombre of claules. To thole : learnd and genen (in enterpretacion,) Moze them am 3,bnto mozalifacion. 1901 aldi la manne I leave to the learnb : the corps of this matters Zom beete (as 3 can) Traus leaue to fmatters and Tiele !! In ottring my fancie: bnber fubmillion alla million Touching the taking of one expolition: Ds (

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an one peere berof: one fence tenterpretate: Df apt aplication to feme literate: In this the laft fatte part, of this faibe fpgure. M bat maide I meane : putting ber office in bie. Sweping dolone copinebs in enerie border, That the (in that window) fato fet out of order. Setting all flies at their lawfull libertie. And fpibers allo, tabopbe all feobertie. A hep biloing in wirmowes: without her broms rech. (119 here bilding within it:bjongbt much of this beet) Reeping them felues within their bonnbes : as they ought, Darme the none of them, none laide, noz none thought. But fpivers : bauing paft their boundes : as they had.) And flies ; bauing fotone moze baobe ; then saber bab, Thone: to the ber mallers and maillres ipe thowing: Thother i berbaafters uito matteres meats blowing! Dhe thought to ber butte: ft being ber charge, 111 411 To bo fum eperucion: fot warning large: Both to Spiners and Ries : the flockes everichone, By erecuting of folders, onlie one. 2nd: faue cultom of fullice:fort ber therto, Foth was the : creculion on bim to bo. Der brome not (word of rigor, (boble ebgie blabe) But the branche of mercie: that milbe maiden made. finallie :bpon ber benigne behauer: Appealing all this furie : with all this faver, In fpiners and fles without Bripes to ffint frife, All plaffe in right plate : to place profperus life, Ethone in him felfein molt topfull top topbe, And eche one to other, their topes they imploibe.

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all loving in ber:as their rebemplion, Df reft, long erft bab in erfempfion. All bent (as all weare bounde) in all that they male, That maibe (in ber office) to loue and obaie. wher with : as this parable here taketh enbe. Do 3: (with a few wordes therin) an ende intende. Df this laft peece: pleine interpretacion, Lighteth in the lay of imaginacion. which: of force, in weving the fence literall, Clerelie conveithe the Cence alligozicall, To our fufferaigne Lable, Queene Marie, and maibe. At gobs beinging whom to ber crowne, may be laide: Dur lyke firife riffen : and moze then like to rife, Then Coloth here rifen : betweene fpibers and files. uphole floozbe like a brome : that fleeth out filth cleanet Dot a (word that fileth the boufe: by blobte meane, This mercifull maiden tooke in band to fweepe, Der window : this realme. Aot to kill, but to keepe: All in quiet. Dn ber bzinging bs therto, As that maide (all fpivers and flies) thowth to bo. And as onder that maybe: fulber ofte but one, So bnoer this maide : faue one. (in effect) none. and as that one: bnber that one maibe bib bie: Repentaunt, fo this other repentauntlie: Ander this other maide: the beth meeklie tooke. All fin: with all finfull errours, be fogfooke. Df gob : crauing fozgiueneffe pzincipallie, And then of the world. And most specialtie: Dfthis maybe his maftres. who (clerite)him forgaue, as that maine bid that friber, when he bid craue. and Ss fif

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And as that maine: lothlie fort by fut cuttum: mas dreuin to bring that one: tercucion to cum. So this maide: faue like that maide: by force was breuine. was with that maine : (for pitie) more then euine. and as that maidins molt quarell was aboist: for that: fpiders and flies : in that window kitt: Against the will of her matter and maiffres, Se bib this maide: ber cheefe quarell abbres: To bs (oz to fuch of bs) as the prefept: Df her mafter and maiffres : bab not kept. And as that maibe tooke those fautes much moze to bart In respect of ber maffers and maiffres part: Then for her owne part, (ber part being not fmall: In that the redres : the was charged with all,) Do: bnber ber mafter and maiffres, this mepbe: Being they like inftrument : to le thinges wepbe, She werde that with more greefe to fe them oftendib. Then for ought: that on her owne part bepenbib. Der maffer Chiff, the bead maffer principall. Ber maifres, mother bollie church catholicall. and as that one maine: with that one Broke of her broomer Clenfed ber window clere in euerie roomer Detting flies at liberte: in their right rate: Blating fpibers likewife in accuffumb fate: Bonting both partes : path of birect birections To trace and treade in ; as welthes protection, Do this one maybe : with this one Aroke of ber Charbe From long thall thalbom, bath fet be clere a bosb. Bounting us our places (and pathes) of old knowner Great gibes, both to godile and worldlie welth growns.

Thus

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Thus fer goth this figure: and this erpoliscion: Betweene that maybe, and this maide. The condiction. Dn ber part fulfild. Wherbyon let be bere Blate our parts in this part: all parts to apere: To this maine, as folders and flies to that maine. Let our baners of obedience be difplaide. Df loue, the bage, of rejoyling, the right roote. And of our owne welthis, the right and full boote. Love we her, and ober we ber, as we ought: And allo our fuffragne Lozde: Philip: to ber brought 130 gob : as god brought her to bs. which twaine: Conforned one : in matrimonial trayne: Both one also : in auctozite regall: Thefe tho thus made one: bathe one bere me call. nobich two thus one, rejoyle we everierhone. And thefe two thus one, obey we all as one. Effectuallie : as those spivers and flies, figuratiuelie, that one recongnies, Befeching god that brought them , to keepe them bere: In long profperus raigne. And of his mercie mere: to to bliffe bs : that on this bleffed foche, De bring fuch impes : as over their farthfull flocke: As their pregenitors bo rapgne prefentite, They (after them) male raigne perpetuallie. And for gift of thefe two thus one : to be geuine, ST o yeld the three and one thankes : (as we are brening, And alfo them, conclude we this even thus. Thanke we gob for them, and god and them for bs.

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